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PARKING 'DANGER' AT SPORTS GROUND

BY DAVID COSGROVE

CHANGES are needed to combat 'dangerous' parking near a sports ground, a councillor has claimed.

Councillor Bryan Jones has called for action from highways bosses and police in order to tackle issues outside the 5's Pavilion and Sports Ground in Hednesford.

Cars are parked on footpaths or close to junctions near the centre in Bradbury Lane, and something needs to be done, he said.

He has taken up the issue on behalf of residents who complained about parking problems and were planning to start a petition.

Councillor Jones, who represents Hednesford and Rawnsley on Staffordshire County Council, said: "At the moment the infrastructure isn't there to support it – there's not enough car parking space – and I think it's only going to get worse. Things are particularly bad on a Sunday and a Wednesday.

"People park on the footpaths, and also right at the junction with Greenwood Park, and that's where the real danger lies.

"They are parking in dangerous positions and causing unnecessary obstructions.

Changes

"The PCSO is doing a great job but they don't have the same powers they used to."

Councillor Jones said that in the short term he has appealed to local police to 'put resources in at key times' to tackle the parking issues. However, he suggested that in the longer term, changes could include the introduction of double-yellow lines or alternative parking options.

The £1.3 million football pitch and community centre, built on the site of the former West Cannock Sports and Social Club, was officially opened by Wolves legend Steve Bull in March last year. The 5's Pavilion and Sports Ground saw nearly £1m invested by Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire County Council in a joint venture.

Another £390,000 was donated by Sport England to complete the project. The former sports club site had been unused from 2008.

Councillor Jones has also approached highways bosses to assess the situation and see what changes can be made. "No-one wants to see people getting tickets but it's the best short-term method of tackling this," he said.

"But we need to get the parking situation right in the short, medium and long term. We need the infrastructure to be right and will need to consult local residents on what they think."

ANTHONY LOSES 12 STONE – AND A SHOE SIZE

Before – Anthony Holmes weighed 27 stone

After – the 56-year-old lost a huge 12 stone

A MAN who lost so much weight he dropped a shoe size is urging others to follow in his footsteps on the weight-loss trail.

Anthony Holmes weighed more than 27 stone when he was told he needed to drop between seven and eight stone to be healthy enough for a hip replacement operation.

"My hip was bone on bone. My wife was having to get out of bed at five in the morning to help me. I had no quality of life," he said.

That 'sobering' predicament, he says, inspired him to lose 12st. He's now lost so much weight he's even dropped a shoe size.

"I must have had fat feet!" said Mr Holmes, from Cannock.

"It's been a hell of a journey, it's still going on. When I walk in a place now, people don't recognise me. I've become anonymous, it's like being invisible."

The doubt one hospital consultant expressed over Anthony's ability to lose the weight provided the inspiration for the 56-year-old. "The one actually said 'with a BMI of 53 it would be very difficult without a gastric band'," Mr Holmes said. "I said 'Let me have a bash at it first'. For the record, my BMI is now 30."

Now Mr Holmes, who works as a forklift driver, wants to inspire others to lose weight, having already helped some of his friends.

He paid tribute to his wife for her continued support, as well as his local Slimming World.

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TRAGEDY

Man, 68, dies in fall from M6 Toll bridge

A 68-YEAR-OLD Cannock man died after falling from a bridge on the M6 Toll near Cannock.

Officers from the Central Motorway Police Group joined emergency services at the scene. They were called to junction T8, near Wedges Mills, on Friday morning.

Police said he was pronounced dead at the scene. Highways England kept motorists updated through the day.

Central Motorway Police Group were able to reopen the route by 3.25pm. Anyone with information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on the non-emergency

PROTEST

MP in talks plea on cuts to bus services

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has called for a meeting with Arriva to discuss bus service cuts.

It comes as more than a 1,000 people have signed a petition to save Sunday services in Cannock and Stafford. Ms Milling said: "The news that Arriva have withdrawn some services and all of those that run from the Cannock depot on Sundays is a real blow."

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ROADS

Drivers delayed by A5 sewer repairs

DRIVERS have been facing delays after work started on repairing a collapsed sewer below the A5 in Cannock.

Severn Trent is carrying out the work, which started on Saturday, along the busy route for three weeks.

The A5 Watling Street will be closed in both directions at the junction with New Street while the repairs are carried out.

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16th Century coin among fatal raid haul

The 16th Century gold coin

A GOLD coin dating back to the 16th Century was among a hoard of valuable jewellery stolen in a violent burglary at a pensioner's home.

Arthur Gumbley was attacked at his home in Endwood Drive, Little Aston, on November 21. He died three weeks later.

A murder investigation has since been launched and a 28-year-old man, Jimmy Connors, was arrested by West Yorkshire Police.

Police are still looking for a person named as Tom Joseph Ward, 17.

Staffordshire Police also issued an appeal to find valuable items taken from Mr Gumbley's home.

They include a Henry VIII Angel gold coin, believed to have been forged between 1544 and 1547.

A women's gold necklace and bracelet, gold and silver rings and a silver men's Seiko watch with gold highlights are still missing.

A unique gun-shaped knife is also outstanding.

Police have said a purse which belonged to Arthur's late wife had been recovered.

Detective Inspector Dan Ison, the senior investigating officer, said: "If we can return any or all of the stolen items to this grieving family, it is at least some comfort that they have not lost everything in this terrible incident, and if we can secure evidence of where the items may have gone after the incident, or who may have handled them."

Crimestoppers launched a £10,000 reward for information which could lead to the conviction of Mr Gumbley's killers.

Anyone who can help should call police on 101 quoting incident number 828 of 21 November 2017.

Concern as village could get even more housing

THOUSANDS of homes could be built near Penkridge after a prime location to help meet a housing shortfall in the West Midlands was identified.

Land north of the village has been included as a preferred site in a report assessing where tens of thousands of properties will be built over the next 20 years.

An 'urban extension' could be created, providing between 1,500 and 7,500 homes, according to the report. Housing bosses are coming under pressure to commit to sites for new developments.

Land needs to be found for more than 20,000 homes to be built by 2036, and with space at a premium in densely populated areas such as Birmingham and Wolverhampton, officials have looked further afield. A report on the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area also said there was an onus on all councils across the West Midlands to 'work together to meet housing needs'.

Struggling

The site in Penkridge is one of four to be identified for 'urban extensions', with the others being south of Dudley, east of Lichfield and north of Tamworth. The report says there is available land outside of urban areas in South Staffordshire not considered to be green belt – potentially making the path to development easier.

Penkridge councillor Len Bates said the village would not be able to cope with thousands of new homes. He said: "Birmingham is putting a great deal of pressure on local authorities in the surrounding area.

"Penkridge certainly couldn't stand any major number of houses – the infrastructure is struggling to cope now. The schools can't cope, and the heath centre can't cope.

"Four years ago we took a major hit with the Lime Hill development for 280 homes, and we have now got another application for 200 houses. This will cause a great deal of concern. There is already a lot of unease among people in Penkridge about sites that have been already been allocated."

Peter Pan stage show takes flight

Some of the young people who took part in Peter Pan at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock

PETER Pan had audience members on their feet as he swung into the Prince of Wales Theatre.

Sold-out shows went down a storm at the Cannock venue as a young cast sprung into action to tell the famous tale.

The production was delivered by M3 Studios, which bills its performances as 'professional shows put on by youngsters'. The cast was made up completely of young people, ranging from ages six to 18.

The role of Peter Pan was shared by 14-year-old Adelaide Morgan and Beau Greatbatch, 11, during the Thursday to Sunday run. About 120 young people were involved.

Audiences were treated to technical treats, including animation and Peter Pan flying across the stage.

Dominic Clarson, director and principal at M3, which has bases in Cannock, Burntwood, Rugeley and Wolverhampton, said: "We had capacity audiences and received standing ovations."

Festival will not return to Weston Park in 2018

A TWO-DAY music event formerly called V Festival will not be returning to Weston Park this year.

Organiser Roseclaim is instead holding the rebranded RiZE Festival solely at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex.

V Festival had been held at Weston Park along with Hylands Park every August since the 1990s. The first event was at Weston Park in 1999.

Bosses at the Weston Park Foundation said the move would have a financial impact on the charity and local area but they said other events were being planned for this year including a summer event called Enchanted Glen, a trail for visitors using computer technology.

Talks are also being held with Roseclaim about a 'future project' on the estate next year.

Colin Sweeney, chief executive of the Weston Park Foundation, said: "We have been enormously proud to have been home to the former V Festival over the last 19 years.

"The significant contribution that hosting the event has made to the charitable objectives of the Weston Park Foundation and the wider regional economy cannot be underestimated.

"We are very excited about working with Roseclaim on a future project here on the estate in 2019."

RiZE Festival will be staged at Hylands Park on August 17 and 18.

Photos galore in annual display

RUGELEY & Armitage Camera Club will be staging their annual photographic exhibition at the Museum of Cannock Chase from March 5 to April 22.

More than 50 framed prints from all sections of the club, ranging from elementary through to advanced, will be on display at the museum in Valley Road, Hednesford, from 11am to 4pm until March 30 and then 11am-5pm.

The club's publicity secretary Dave Hanmer said: "If you have an interest in photography or simply like to take pictures, then please pop along to one of our meetings, you'll be made very welcome."

The club meet on Mondays at 7.30pm at Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre, in Sandy Lane, Rugeley. Go to www.rugeleyandarmitagecameraclub.com

Business breakfast

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is urging businesses to sign up for the business breakfast she is hosting tomorrow (Friday) where the upcoming changes to the General Data Protection Regulation will be discussed. The 8am event is at The Premier Suite, Cannock.

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Revamp of junction 10 to start in 18 months

A CONGESTION-BUSTING revamp of junction 10 of the M6 will not start for at least another 18 months, highways bosses have announced.

The multi-million pound project was unveiled by Highways England and Walsall Council two years ago.

A planning application was submitted last year, and a potential starting date for work was given for the end of this year by the council.

However, Highways England has now said construction work on the scheme will not begin until late next year or early 2020. It had initially been planned for an even later date before being moved forward in October, the organisation added.

The revamp, which will take around two years to complete, will see two new four-lane bridges built at the junction, increasing the capacity to 10,500 vehicles an hour compared with the current 8,000.

A spokesman for Highways England said: "We said that M6 junction 10 was going to come forward by nine to 12 months, by late 2019 early 2020. This is still the case."

● Motorists are facing three years of delays when roadworks on the M6 in Staffordshire get under way between junction 13 for Stafford and junction 15 for Stoke. The work is due to start this month and will see the 17-mile stretch of the road upgraded to a 'smart motorway'.

Sandwiches stolen from supermarket

RAIDERS stole three sandwiches from a supermarket in Huntington.

Police were called to the Co-op in Stafford Road just after 7pm on Thursday. Four men were seen acting suspiciously outside the store and then, once inside, trying locked doors.

One man stole three sandwiches on his way out and then all four men were seen again outside the store following the theft.

Neighbourhood officers at Staffordshire Police are monitoring the situation and ask for any member of the public with information to call 101 quoting incident number 712 of February 22.

Alternatively, for guaranteed anonymity, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555111.

Monthly meeting

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 8pm in the Drill Hall, in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. All Sappers are welcome to attend. Call 01543 423319.

M6 shut 11 hours as man hurt in crash

Chaos on the M6 *Picture: Radio Stoke*

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man suffered severe injuries in a collision on the M6 which shut the motorway for 11 hours.

Motorists faced long delays in the morning rush hour following the incident, which reportedly involved a van, three cars and a pedestrian.

Police were called at 11.20pm on Sunday to the southbound M6 between junctions 14 and 13 following a report that a Ford Mondeo had hit the central reservation.

The 32-year-old driver then left the car and tried to flag down a number of passing vehicles before getting over the central reservation and onto the northbound carriageway where he was struck by a Mercedes box van and suffered head and arm injuries.

He received treatment from ambulance staff and taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital where his condition was described as critical.

Sgt Richard Moors said: "The collision involved a number of scenes over a mile distance and officers from the Regional Collision Investigation Unit undertook a detailed examination.

"The northbound carriageway was opened after around five hours but the southbound remained closed until around 9.30am. Attempts were made to turn vehicles around on the southbound carriageway to release trapped vehicles, but with a number of large goods vehicles in the backlog this was a difficult task.

"I would like to thank motorists caught in the post-collision traffic for their patience. We are keen to speak to any witnesses who saw either of the collisions." Any witnesses are asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident 801 of 25 February.

Petition on axed Sunday buses tops 1,000 names

MORE than 1,000 people have signed a petition to save Sunday bus services in Cannock and Stafford which are being axed after funding was cut.

And now 'dismayed' Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling has called for a meeting with Arriva to discuss the cuts which she says will leave people 'stranded'.

Arriva is cutting bus services that run from its Delta Way depot in Cannock on Sundays from April 1 because subsidies from Staffordshire County Council have been axed.

The petition on change.org, started by Lee Murphy, is demanding that the council reverses its decision to cut funding.

Almost 500 people signed the petition within four days of it being launched and now some 1,100 people have put their name to it.

The petition says: "Some elderly and disabled users may have little opportunity to leave the house, and by cutting bus services back this leaves even less opportunity."

Campaigned

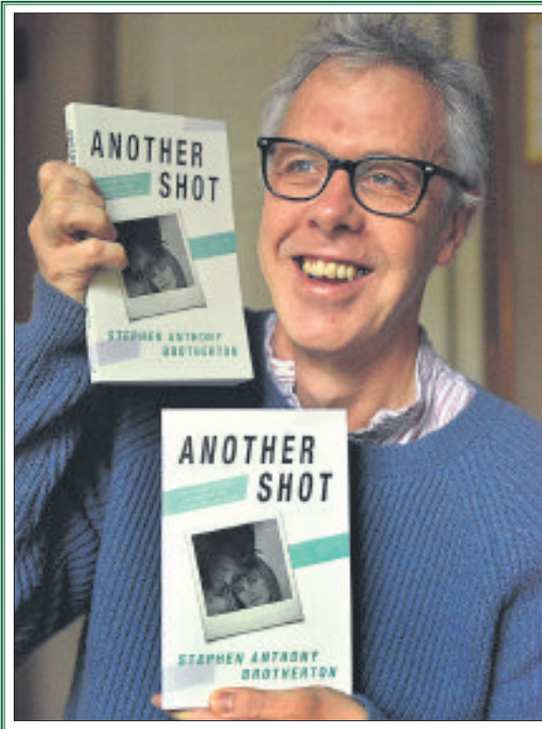
Ms Milling said: "The news that Arriva have withdrawn some services and all of those that run from the Cannock depot on Sundays is a real blow to bus passengers across Cannock Chase. I have written to Arriva and called for a meeting to discuss these changes. There are many people who rely on buses to get out and about and there is a real danger that they will be left stranded as a result of this decision."

The MP has campaigned previously to save bus services in the county with a campaign in Norton Canes that led to a partial service being restored to the Norton Green Lane area.

She has also been pushing for direct services to be restored between Heath Hayes, Wimblebury and Hednesford.

Ms Milling said she will once again raise these issues with Arriva at the meeting.

Staffordshire County Council made the changes to bus funding after a consultation last year. Go to www.change.org/p/mark-deaville-reverse-the-decision-to-cut-arriva-midlands-funding-save-sunday-services



Former Huntington man Steve Brotherton's first book, Another Shot, is based loosely on a relationship he had when he was 18

Romance inspires author's first shot

A FIRST-time novelist has been inspired by a romance from his youth for his debut publication.

Steve Brotherton has had positive reviews for Another Shot, the story of two old flames, Freddie and Jo-Jo, who are reunited in a coffee shop 35 years after their teenage romance ended.

"I lived in Huntington right the way across the 90s, and some of the flashbacks in the book are from that time," he said.

"Cannock will feature more heavily in book two."

Another Shot is set in Walsall in the 1970s and early 1980s, with Jo-Jo and Freddie enjoying frequent nights out in the town.

Steve, who grew up in Bloxwich, said: "It's based loosely on a relationship I had when I was 18.

"It's not exactly the same in the reasons why we separated and there hasn't been any reunion but it is based on my first love."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Movies theme to flower club talk

CHESLYN Hay & Great Wyrley Flower Club will be presenting a demonstration by Sandra Gunner titled 'A Visit to the Movies' today (Thursday).

The demonstration will start at 7.30pm and will be held at the Salem Church Hall in High Street, Cheslyn Hay.

Admission to the event is £6.50 to include refreshments. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Anyone requiring further information about today's demonstration or the club can call 01922 413782 or 01922 477928 or go to the website at Cheslynhayandgreatwyrleyflowerclub.wordpress.com

Curtain-raiser to RideStaffs series

THE opening race in this year's RideStaffs sportive series takes place this weekend.

The season's curtain-raiser, the Primavera, is at Sugnall Walled Garden on Sunday.

It takes in 41 miles, although there is a shorter 30-mile option.

It will be followed by Spring Forward in Uttoxeter on April 8 and the Staffordshire Cycling Festival on July 22, which attracts some of the country's best cyclists and thousands of spectators. It will end with a yet-to-be-confirmed September sportive.

Motorbike clue to break-in attempt

TWO men riding a motorbike were seen trying to break into a garage.

Police are appealing for information after the white bike, thought to be a Honda, was spotted in Oak Lane, Chase Terrace.

One of the suspects stayed with the bike as the other walked up to a house and tried to break into a garage with a screwdriver.

They fled the scene after being disturbed at about 11.30pm on Sunday.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on the non-emergency 101 number.

Police alert over bogus traders selling artwork

POLICE are warning residents to be aware of bogus door-to-door traders claiming to be deaf and selling art.

A resident in Lincoln Drive, Cannock, bought a sketch for £10 on Tuesday last week but were warned that it may be a scam.

Staffordshire Police have warned that scammers will target old and vulnerable people in particular. They have advised anyone not to hand over money to anyone they do not trust.

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COUNTY NEWS

Sabbath rocker to host charity lunch

BLACK Sabbath legend Tony Iommi is hosting an exclusive lunch to raise money for a new hospital cancer centre.

The event will take place on April 20 where the rock guitarist will share stories from his life and career, touring the world with one of the biggest bands of all time. He will be raising funds for the Solihull Hospital and Heartlands Hospital charities for a new cancer centre at Solihull Hospital. The lunch will be held at the Opus restaurant in Birmingham.

Tickets are £100 each or £950 for a table of 10. Tables can be booked by calling 0121 371 4852.

Maternity quiz to boost care

HEALTH bosses have said women who gave birth at a hospital during either January or February could receive a survey asking about their care.

Mothers who gave birth at Russells Hall Hospital could be surveyed in April about care they received.

The National Maternity Survey, which is being run by the Care Quality Commission, will ask women about their experiences of antenatal care, childbirth and postnatal care.

The results will provide the the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust with feedback to help improve quality of care and the experience of women using maternity services.

Nature reserve volunteers call

VOLUNTEERS are needed to maintain a nature reserve managed by members of a wildlife trust. The Devil's Spittleful, near West Midland Safari Park at Bewdley is a heathland reserve and gained its name because folklore states that it is where the Devil struck his spade in the ground.

The next work party takes place on March 10 from 9am and the group meets at Blackstone car park. People should wear sturdy footwear and take gardening gloves, food and drink.

Books, CDs and DVDs at exchange session

A CHARITY in Walsall which works with the over-50s age group is holding an exchange event to mark World Book Day, which is today, Thursday.

Residents will be able to swap books, CDs and DVDs at the Community Engagement Centre in Ford Street, Pleck, from 10am to 2pm.

Visitors will be able to meet new people and meet local author and guest speaker, Lucy Onions.

Spitfire and Hurricane to star at show

SECOND World War fighter aircraft, including a Spitfire and Hurricane, are the latest attractions lined up for this year's RAF Cosford Air Show.

Visitors to the event on June 10, which celebrates 100 years since the formation of the Royal Air Force, will be treated to aerial displays from an assortment of historic aircraft.

Organisers have announced that a rare 'Mark 1a' version of the Supermarine Spitfire will perform in the flying display – a first for the show.

This particular Spitfire, known by its registration N3200, played a part in the Battle of France in 1940 providing air support for the evacuation of Dunkirk. During combat with German fighters, N3200 was hit by a German aircraft and forced to land on the beach at Sangatte, with the pilot taken as a prisoner of war. The Spitfire remained on the beach, slowly buried in the sand, and remained there until 1986.

The airframe was returned to the UK in 2000 and after a lengthy restoration flew again in 2014.

As well as the show's flying displays, vintage aircraft will be flying in to bolster the RAF100 static exhibition. It has been confirmed that a genuine Battle of Britain veteran Hawker Hurricane will be present, surrounded by Second World War re-enactors and period vehicles.

Other vintage aircraft recently added to the ground displays include Second World War training aircraft such as the Tiger Moth and Harvard.

Visitors are advised to buy their tickets at the discounted price of £25 per person, available from the website. From April 17, the price is £29.

Work begins on £160m designer outlet village

By Tom Oakley

WORK has finally started on building a multi-million pound designer outlet village in Cannock – dubbed the 'best thing to happen in the town for decades'.

The first steps are being taken to build the £160 million McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Village, formerly known as Mill Green.

The 26,500 square metre retail park is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs as 100 stores, including Ralph Lauren and Superdry, are expected to open by spring 2020.

Phase one will feature more than 80 stores plus restaurants and cafes, a play area and 1,400 parking spaces.

Site workers this week began removing fences and clearing trees to make way for the development, which will be run by McArthurGlen and U+I.

Scale

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "It will put Cannock on the national and even international retail map. It will create hundreds of retail jobs and building jobs too. There could be disruption to traffic in the meantime but it is the best thing that has happened to Cannock in decades."

In August, council bosses feared they had stumbled upon a setback as a major international chain requested a larger unit, so they had to go back to planning. The scale of the project meant it was referred to the Secretary of State but she decided not to 'call in' the scheme.

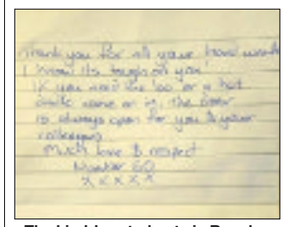
A £400,000 cash injection from McArthurGlen will go into improving the town centre and expanding Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley Town railway stations at a cost of £90,000 so the platforms are larger and fit for purpose when the village opens.

Site workers removing fences and clearing trees to make way for the development in Eastern Way, Cannock

The retail park is set to create more than 1,000 jobs

An artist's impression of the designer outlet village

Kind-hearted note offers a cuppa for paramedics



The kind-hearted note in Rugeley

A KIND-HEARTED note addressed to 'the hardest working and most caring people' offered paramedics a toilet break and a hot drink.

The note, which was left for a crew in Rugeley, reads: "Thank you for all your hard work. I know it is tough on you. If you need the loo or a hot drink, come on in, the door is always open for you and your colleagues. Much love and respect. Number 60.'

It follows on from an abusive message left for an ambulance crew last week for which the writer, Kirsty Sharman, of Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, got fined £120.

She verbally abused paramedics and left a note on the ambulance in which she complained about the ambulance being parked in front of her drive. The 26-year-old pleaded guilty to a public order offence and breaching a restraining order.

Paramedic and operations manager Rob Marsh posted photographs of the positive note on Twitter with the caption: "Now that's more like it. Left for a crew in Rugeley this evening. Don't mind that sort of note at all."

Sex offender given 18 months' prison

A SEX attacker, who police officers from Cannock, Lichfield and Stafford helped to catch, has been sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to nine counts of sexual assault.

Benjamin Clarke, aged 42, of Walsall Road, Little Aston, sexually assaulted five women over a two-year period and was sentenced at Stafford Crown Court last Wednesday.

Chief Inspector Sarah Wainwright said: "As a result of excellent work across three local police areas, Clarke has finally been brought to justice.

"I would personally like to thank his victims for their courage in coming forward to report these crimes and hope that the fact Clarke is now behind bars brings them some comfort."

Clarke was also placed on the sex offenders register for 10 years.

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Ambulance handover times grow yet again

AMBULANCE handover times are getting worse at New Cross Hospital as the trust was hit with yet another fine for missing targets.

It is the fourth consecutive month the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has been penalised for the delays.

But unlike in November when it was fined £10,200 it now faces a bill of £105,800 due to a 'deterioration' in handover times, according to a report prepared for this week's meeting of the trust's board.

It should take up to 15 minutes for patients arriving in ambulances to be handed over to the hospital but in January, 199 patients were left waiting between 30 minutes and an hour, while 66 waited more than an hour.

The trust is fined £200 a patient waiting between 30 minutes and an hour, and £1,000 per patient waiting more than an hour. The fines are collected by Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Dr Helen Hibbs, the CCG's accountable officer, said: "Money received from ambulance handover fines is reinvested in the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, following agreement with them as to how it will be best used, to assist in improving services."

West Midlands Ambulance Service's chief executive Anthony Marsh said: "The concern with patient handover delays is the extent to which this is getting worse every year."

Tax exemption for care leavers

YOUNG adults who have left Staffordshire's care system will be exempt from paying council tax until they are 21-years-old.

The county council believes it will help those who have been under the authority's care and still lives in Staffordshire, adapt to adulthood by helping them to avoid debt and learn how to manage finances. It will come into force from April 1 and is expected to benefit 300 care leavers.

Councillor Mark Sutton, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We want these people to make a successful transition from being in care to living in the community. Research from The Children's Society shows council tax debt can be a serious barrier to achieving this."

Walk from Colton

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an eight-mile easy walk from Colton this Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 677816. New walkers are welcome.

I can inspire others says slimmer Jeff

BEFORE: The old Jeff

A SLIMMER who lost nearly 5st is using his success to shape a new career, helping other people achieve their weight loss dreams.

Jeff Fallows-Smith joined a Slimming World group in Rugeley 12 months ago and dropped 4st 10lb in weight. Since then, he has trained as a consultant for Slimming World at its national training academy in Derbyshire.

Now, members at the group in Chase Terrace have welcomed Jeff as their new consultant.

Latest government figures reveal that one in four adults are obese, and it is estimated that by 2034 this will rise to one in three.

With this in mind, Jeff says, his new role has never been more important. "Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK," he said.

"I just can't wait to get started. It's a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding that helped me, so that I can give my members the support they need to get to target. Support is really the most important thing. It all starts with feeling that you're not alone."

Liz Farrell, who runs Slimming World's 1st Chase Terrace Scout group and manages Jeff as a team developer, says: "I just know that he'll be an amazing support to members, cheering them all the way to their target weight."

Jeff's Slimming World group meet at St John's Community Church every Monday at 5pm and 7pm. For more information call him on 07598 707756.

AFTER: The lighter Jeff

Three in 10 A&E patients wait more than 4 hours

MORE than 30 per cent of patients had to wait more than four hours to be treated in A&E last month, latest figures for a Staffordshire hospitals trust reveal.

The statistics were revealed by the University Hospitals North Midlands Trust (UHNM), which runs County Hospital in Stafford.

The trust was ranked third worst in the country in December when figures showed 71 per cent of A&E patients were treated within four hours. But the January figures show it was 69.1 per cent – the national NHS target is 95.

The latest figure means 31.9 per cent of patients spent more than four hours in the emergency departments, which have faced ongoing winter pressures. Louise Nixon from Support Stafford Hospital said: "The figures are because they are short staffed due to the fact people people are taking early retirement or leaving. Nurses are under staffed and over worked. It has a massive impact on patients. Jeremy Hunt promised us a return of 24/7 A&E at the run up to the election. Where is that?"

Pressure

The UHNM says its hospitals are seeing a 'substantial increase' in A&E admissions over the winter. More patients have also had to wait in A&E for longer than 12 hours – due to the increase in patients at County and Royal Stoke University Hospitals.

A trust spokesman said: "The health system in the North Midlands continues to be under severe and sustained pressure, with the last month being exceptionally busy.

"We are continuing to see a substantial increase in the number of admissions from A&E into wards at UHNM and since November there have been over 750 patients admitted to UHNM who have influenza.

"The increase in patients, along with the acuity of those seen and the numbers waiting in the hospital longer than a week to be discharged, is having a clear impact on our ability to treat new arrivals to A&E quickly.

"We have worked closely with our partners throughout the winter period to ensure the additional capacity became available."

£500 boost for after-school group

Councillors Phil Hewitt and Bryan Jones, second and third from left respectively, with volunteers and attendees from the group as well as Sheila Barnett, third from right, an RSPB volunteer, and Dave Knowels from the Forest of Mercia CIC, last on the right

TWO Hednesford councillors have donated £500 to provide materials for an after-school group.

Members of Staffordshire County Council are given a lump sum to allocate in grants to local groups, charities or good causes.

Councillors Phil Hewitt and Bryan Jones donated £500 from their pot to the Friends of Hednesford Park's Roots Afterschool Forest club. The money will help provide craft materials for 20 weeks for the group.

With support from the Forest of Mercia CIC, the aim of the project is to encourage families and their young children to interact with the local environment.

In the winter months the club is moved indoors, at the park pavilion, but in the summer months it operates outdoors.

Councillor Jones said: "The club is particularly aimed at families from disadvantaged backgrounds. The project aims to promote the five steps to mental wellbeing (NHS 2017), and the woodland setting for the activity supports 'Mindfulness' which is one of the five steps to mental wellbeing."

For more details of the Friends of Hednesford Park and their activities visit facebook.com/pg/friendsofhednesfordpark

NEWS IN BRIEF

Appeal after man beaten up in bar

A MAN suffered a fractured eye socket when he was beaten up in a bar.

The 32-year-old also suffered bruising to his head, ribs and hand in the attack, which happened at Paradise Lounge in Sandford Street, Lichfield.

He was attacked after being approached by one of a group of four or five men in the bar.

Police are now appealing for witnesses who saw the incident on Saturday at about 9.30pm.

Anyone who was in the bar at the time and saw the assault is asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101 and quote incident number 473 of February 24.

Age limit on sales of energy drinks

CENTRAL England Co-op has introduced an age limit for sales of energy drinks with high caffeine levels.

From today (Thursday) the society, which has its headquarters in Lichfield, will ask customers at its shops who buy energy drinks that contain 150mg or more caffeine per litre to prove that they are over the age of 16.

The move follows growing concerns expressed by parents and teachers. Hannah Gallimore, Central England Co-op corporate responsibility manager, said: "This decision will ensure that strict guidelines are in place."

Chief's plea after car thefts up 27pc

THE West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) wants vehicle manufacturers to do more in the wake of an increase in thefts.

The strategic crime and policing panel heard how recorded thefts had risen 27 per cent, to 6,857 last year.

Currently, 814 vehicles are stolen every month. David Jamieson said: "We are shortly going to have a meeting with the manufacturers. Why are they able to produce vehicles costing 15, 20, 25,000 pounds or more, and yet they are stolen within 30 seconds by someone with a computer."

The Staffordshire Men to headline folk night

BURNTWOOD Folk Club will be returning to the Ashmole Club in Hammerwich on Wednesday with a featured headline performance from The Staffordshire Men.

Club hosts The Redemption Brothers will open the show at 8pm followed by an open mic for local performers to showcase their talents.

For further information and to watch videos of past performances, visit facebook.com/burntwoodfolk

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Confession over my choice on TV viewing

WHILE searching through the multitude of television channels looking for anything, just anything that might be vaguely palatable to watch, I stumbled across a repeat of a Channel 4 series called It Was Alright In the 70s.

Now I know I'm probably a little behind the curve on this one, but I really don't watch much TV these days. There's just too many talent shows, celebrities-making-idiots-of-themselves shows, chat shows and never-ending gritty crime dramas about Sarah Lancashire mumbling into a shaky camera to make it worthwhile.

Anyway, for those not familiar with the format, It Was Alright in the 70s centres around paid-up members of the liberal elite, plus a handful of comedians no-one has ever heard of wearing loud shirts, repeatedly putting their head in their hands at the content of television made in the 1970s. The Sweeney, Carry On Films, Top of the Pops, all came in for a good kicking, along with various public safety information films which might be offensive to Generation Snowflake. Even an ATV news interview with Dave Hill from Slade was thrown in for some reason.

What amused me though is what the likely motives were of those who watched the show. Now I don't doubt for one moment that the people behind the programme thought it would be to hear David Aaronovitch's observations on how much more enlightened society has become compared to 40-odd years ago. But I can't help but think most just tuned in to see a few clips from Confessions of a Window Cleaner.

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RANK stupidity. Not fair to the fans. Nearly a fortnight later the tabloids are still having a field day about the escapades of West Bromwich Albion stars in Barcelona. What nobody has so far revealed is the make of the taxi they are alleged to have snaffled. Was it a Ford? Good chance, or maybe a Peugeot, VW, or Audi. I'll wager though that it was nothing with the Mercedes badge. No way. That's the one with three points.

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DONALD Trump has come in for stick for suggesting teachers should get paid extra if they carry pistols to protect pupils from gun maniacs.

Thankfully, that is probably not necessary here but it has given me an idea on tackling the menace of anti-social behaviour. Equip dinner ladies with Tasers, the little darlings will think twice about dropping litter and doing graffiti.

Problem with America is too many guns not too few

Jeremy Corbyn – I don't believe for a moment that he was any sort of spy

Detective Kip Glaspie (Carey Mulligan) a former Olympic pole vaulter. Really?

Haunted for days on end by name of Australian jockey, Scobie Breasley

Arming teachers is not the answer

BEFORE the bodies had even been buried after the Florida school massacre, some gun enthusiasts were claiming that, if only the teachers had been armed, the gunman could have been killed before he killed anyone. What hope can there be for people who genuinely believe that the problem is not that America has too many guns (last count about 300 million), but too few? And, hell, why stop with arming the teachers? The kids can only be truly safe when every dinner lady has a .44 Magnum. God Bless America.

DID we all notice in Endeavour (ITV) that Morse visited a motel called Crossroads in a village called Kings Oak and the cleaner was a Mrs T? Next week: mass murder in the village of Trumpton – six firemen and a miller in the frame.

UNDERSTANDING weather-related headlines. "Beast from the East brings Siberian snow-bomb nightmare" = It will be a tad chilly next week.

MATHS for beginners. A reader reports buying one item for £5 and another for £4. The shop assistant used a calculator to add them up.

ON Wednesday the BBC finally reported on the Corbyn/spy story. Even so, cynics will have noticed that the theme of Thought for the Day on the Today programme (Radio 4) was Silence is Golden. For me, the most disappointing moment of the Beeb's non-coverage of the story came when the Voice of America website asked: "Was Britain's Labour Leader a Communist Spy?" Was anyone else reminded of the 1936 Abdication Crisis when King Edward's affair with Mrs Simpson was the talk of American newspapers but British media conspired to hush it up? I don't believe for a moment that Corbyn was any sort of spy but we live in an age when people are called to account for their deeds of 20 or 30 years ago. If hindsight applies to ancient financial or sexual judgments, then why not political judgments, too?

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

NO surprises in this week's report in the Lancet linking heavy drinking with dementia; a pickled brain is never going to be a healthy brain. On the other hand, another report by scientists in California, also this week, suggests a couple of glasses of wine a day will help you live to see 90. I am reminded of a Scottish colleague who said this about whisky: "If we could just figure out how not to drink too little or too much, we'd live for ever." Research continues.

THE trouble with names is that they can become earworms. You hear them once and then cannot get them out of your mind. I recall one time when I was haunted for days on end by an Australian jockey. Scobie Breasley. Scobie Breasley. Scobie Breasley. Dammit. . . .

WHILE it's good to see academics supporting Briefings for Brexit, a website devoted to the unsung (some would say stifled) benefits of quitting the EU, they face an uphill battle. For this is not merely an argument about politics, economics or any other lecture-theatre subject. It goes deep into the human spirit. Just as some infants depend on a comfort blanket, so some adults need a catastrophe blanket. Their natural mind-set is to believe they are on the brink of Armageddon. I bet some of those panicking about Brexit were the ones who, over the years, have made themselves sick with worry about nuclear annihilation, DDT poisoning, the coming ice age (remember that?), global warming and, in the past few months, plastic pollution. The hugely intelligent men and women behind Briefings for Brexit may make a good case for quitting. But they will never turn pessimists into optimists.

EVERY fictional detective needs a back story, and the wackier the better. So we see tecs in wheelchairs or with a drink problem, suffering opium addiction, heavily pregnant, drop-dead glam or plump and mumsy, or even haunted by a dead partner. In the new BBC cop series Collateral, Detective Kip Glaspie (Carey Mulligan) turns out to have been a former Olympic pole vaulter before joining the police. Now, that's original. Goodness only knows how they'll work pole-vaulting into a storyline but I wouldn't mind betting that the final episode involves a chase, a high fence and a clothes prop. Why do I keep thinking of Norman Wisdom?

TALKING POINT

Cheers! Thank you for the music . . .

I WONDER how many people realise how blessed we are with live music venues in this area. I must admit it was not something I had actually considered until the other night.

We were at the Robin 2 in Bilston, a venue we love, to see the tribute group Jean Genie. We had seen them before. but always a testement to how good an act is if you want to see them again – and again.

Anyway I digress, when we were there watching the group a lovely lady next to me commented: "We are so lucky to have such music venues close at hand."

I thought of her words and yes she was right. Whatever your musical tastes there is something to suit. From jazz, rock, folk and soul, we are blessed.

I spoke to colleagues and they all reeled off groups they had seen at Wolverhampton's Civic and Slade Rooms over the years. The Civic has been closed for a refurb –and is now not due to reopen for some time – but has enjoyed a wealth of famous names over the years .

In its absence there are plenty of pubs around which give an audience to up-and-coming local bands. Nothing better then sitting in the pub, drink in hand, and listening to live music. Some may moan that they can't hear each other speak – easy answer to that, find somewhere else to drink!

Colleagues rattled off a number of venues that they have enjoyed over the years. Such as The Trumpet in Bilston, the nickname for The Royal Exchange. Jazz started in the late 50s-early 60s and can still be heard these days on a 'pay-what-you-like' basis.

Over to Aldridge and The Arena which holds live performances, covering the decades from the 1960s through to the present day and Cannock where regulars at The Station can enjoy live music.

In Wolverhampton smaller venues include The Slade Rooms, which replaced the much-missed Little Civic, and The Newhampton Arts Centre which hosts up-and-coming indie rock outfits and big names from the folk circuit.

Down the road and Birmingham offers a variety of gigs, ranging from the mega-stars at Birmingham and Genting Arenas, to an array of acts in the multiple rooms at the O2 Academy and Institute.

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Pick up the baton in litter crusade

PAUL WOODHEAD in his latest Green Living column looks ahead to the Great British Spring Clean

Councillors Paul Woodhead, left, and Stuart Crabtree at Old Hednesford Park

THIS weekend brings a national focus on litter as Keep Britain Tidy carry out their annual Great British Spring Clean, recognising the #LitterHeroes in and around our community.

Across the district, many community groups will be undertaking specific activities from March 2 to 4 and you can find out more through the Keep Britain Tidy website.

You could also contact any of your local community groups who will let you know what is being done where and when.

Larger

I support a weekly litter pick in different areas of my community in Hednesford each Sunday from 10am. The first Sunday of the month is Brickworks Nature Reserve; the second Sunday is Old Hednesford Park, the third Sunday is the town centre and railway station, and the last Sunday is Anglesey Nature Reserve. A personal thank you to all the volunteers involved with these sessions and others across the district.

Each time, we find such a wide variety of litter types from plastic bottles and sweet wrappers to fast food trays and beer cans, but also larger items including shopping trolleys, barbecues and even a push bike.

There are other ways we can help improve our local environment and reduce the adverse impact of litter. Going plastic-free is a challenge, but reducing the plastic we consume is about taking the small steps discussed previously.

As we all recognise the damage being done by plastics, more initiatives and information is coming forward all the time to help reduce our reliance on plastic, and this is a massive step towards preventing litter.

If our local environment is to thrive, we need people not to drop litter in the first place and our council prioritising the education and enforcement of litter droppers to stop this at source. Beyond this, litter picking can be done during our everyday lives as well as at formal litter picks. An activity is sweeping through Sweden called 'plogging' which is picking litter while jogging.

Closer to home, a village in Staffordshire is encouraging people to pick up five-a-day pieces of litter, and others are committing to Plastic Free Fridays.

Whatever you can do, it all helps keep our community clear of litter and promotes green living.

If you have your thoughts for a sustainable living please get in touch and we will share them in a future article.

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Have a say on donation opt-out idea

AS policy director at Kidney Care UK, I am urging readers to share their views in the Government's organ donation consultation.

Currently 80 per cent of people say they would be willing to donate their organs but only 36 per cent register to become a donor.

Right now, there are 83 people in Staffordshire waiting for a kidney transplant, and the Government wants to find out what people think about an opt-out organ donation system.

The consultation will close on March 6.

You can help shape the future of organ donation and transplantation in England by taking part in the consultation at https://engage.dh.gov.uk/organdonation

FIONA LOUD
Kidney Care UK

Policing requires an expanding workforce

REGARDING the valiant effort by the Chief Constable of Staffordshire to restore core elements of policing in the face of crippling financial cuts, the 2010 government deliberately imposed devastating cuts on police budgets.

Before then, Staffordshire Police had become 'Best in the Country' in HMIC reports. Officer numbers stood at 2,272 with excellent staff support internally. The force area was organised into 528 neighbourhood communities, each with its own identifiable local officer.

In Staffordshire, officer morale, sense of social worth and confidence in operational resilience was justifiably high. Hence the loss of 600 police officer posts in Staffordshire alone (and 20,000 nationally) is inexcusable. Policing has to be an 'in your face' reality. It requires an expanding workforce not a technological substitute.

What the Chief Constable requires is enough funding to restore proper staffing levels so as to re-energise that 'Best in Country' ethos provided by previous excellent chief officers and the former police authority.

ALDERMAN MICHAEL POULTER
Police Authority chairman 2001-09

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LISA NUGENT
Head of donor recruitment at DKMS

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Do Good by hosting a dinner

Plan International UK's new fundraising event, Do Good Dinner, is the perfect reason to get everyone together for a good cause.

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Hundreds of people across the country will be taking part in Do Good Dinner Week, from March 5, but if that doesn't work for you, do it whenever you can.

To sign up and receive your free fundraising kit full of party essentials like invites and menus, visit www.plan-uk.org/dogooddinner

DANIELLE ATKINSON
Plan International UK

Pothole repairs at islands were timely

AT the Staffordshire County Council meeting on February 15 the medium term financial strategy was passed. I was delighted to see the Conservative administration has again earmarked £5 million towards pothole repairs for 2018-19.

Although things are far from perfect, last year's investment saw some 35,000 pothole repairs. The completion of both the Five Ways Island repair in Heath Hayes and the Hill Top Island repair in Hednesford were also very timely.

In the council chamber I welcomed the investment and praised the cabinet lead Mark Deaville and his cabinet support Helen Fisher for the work they are undertaking with the highways management team. I'd also like to encourage residents to report potholes they find via the MyStaffs app.

BRYAN JONES
County Councillor for Hednesford & Rawnsley

Pals versus celebrities

I AM currently accepting applications to audition for an ITV2 gameshow where teams of five friends play against a team of five celebrities in a series of hilarious games which are based around skills and abilities that the celebrities believe they naturally possess. If they beat their celebrity, they can win up to £5,000. For those interested in applying, they can email itv2gameshow@itv.com

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Victorian songs and vintage tea

Shareshill WI

TONIGHT (Thursday), Shareshill hosts the Heathside spring group meeting in Shareshill Village Hall. Family and friends are welcome.

Cannock WI are organising a group trip to the Black Country Museum on April 13 at a cost of £12.50 which includes tram ride and fish and chips. Another interesting event is An Evening with Margaret Thrower at Penkridge Peace Memorial Hall on March 26 – £3.50 including buffet supper.

Secretary Sue Davidson brought everyone up to date with correspondence and county news. She said the majority of Shareshill members had voted for the proposed resolution on Mental Health Matters.

At the last WI meeting, Margaret made a presentation to Rev Sara Bowie. She was wished a long and happy retirement in Warwickshire.

The president introduced Chris and Alan Eccleshall who entertained in their own inimitable way with songs in Victorian fashion and then joined in the group's vintage tea party – tables beautifully laid with embroidered tablecloths and bone china crockery, dainty sandwiches and fancy cakes. Sue set a lighthearted quiz and Rose Lynk won the competition best decorated hat competition.

On March 15 the topic will be 'climate change, recycling - What's it got to do with me?'

Celebration to mark women's suffrage

Cannock WI

Share the Love heart badges

Women's Suffrage memorabilia

FOLLOWING a journey with Audrey Hall on a "Slow Boat to London", her humorous tale of travelling by canal barge, the meeting picked up pace and was extremely busy on the bookings front with many events in the diary.

These include two holidays, two events run by SFWI at the County Showground and a WI Heathside Group meeting tonight (Thursday) with speaker and 'Dialector' Derek Poulson, for members to join in with. Cannock WI are also running a coach trip to the Women's History Group Jamboree at the Black Country Museum on April 13.

This is a celebration to mark the centenary of some women achieving the vote for the first time in 1918; and, for those women who contributed to the First World War effort.

Member Janis Lomas has been collating Women's Suffrage material to put on display at the conference.

The club is delighted to welcome three new members: Elaine Moseley, Susan Green, and Dorothy Green, who have already got involved with events. A bring and buy stall was organised by Helen, who also supplied every member with a green heart badge to acknowledge the Share the Love campaign which works to enlighten people about ways to care for the environment. The hearts theme continued with a Valentine's card competition, won by Win Gardiner. The raffle was won by Janet Cotton.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month 10.30am at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock. Visitors are always welcome. Call 01543 271617, or visit www.thewi.org.uk/staffordshire or www.facebook.com/oakleafstlukes

Ladies go on visual tour of Italy

Cheslyn Hay TG

THE ladies of Cheslyn Hay Townswomen's Guild had a very pleasant afternoon as Kathleen Walmsley brought in some delicious cream cakes to celebrate her 90th birthday.

The ladies were then taken on a visual tour of a trip to Italy given in a talk with slides by David Keith Jones.

A professional photographer for more than 30 years he is well travelled and about five years ago went with his Italian wife to visit his daughter and family in the beautiful region of Umbria and the Marches visiting Ascol Piceno, the Sibillini mountains and Urbino and Assisi.

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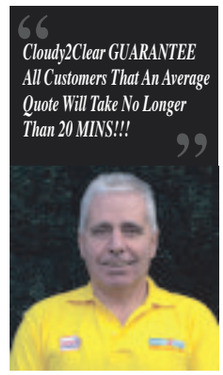

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Pensions watchdog in Carillion cash probe

THE PENSIONS Regulator is considering using its powers to recover cash for Carillion's debt-stricken pension schemes, MPs have been told.

Bosses from the regulator appeared before a joint select committee inquiry into the Wolverhampton-based firm, which went into liquidation in January with debts approaching £1.5 billion.

The regulator said its 'anti-avoidance' probe – launched last month – was looking at whether there was a case for using its powers to recover cash for pensioners.

It came as Barclays – one of the Carillion's major lenders – announced it had taken a £127m hit as a result of the firm's collapse.

Carillion's pension schemes have an estimated £900m shortfall.

Members of the Work and Pensions and Business Committees asked what could be retrieved for the schemes.

Nicola Parish, executive director of regulation, said its powers could go beyond seeking recoveries from companies.

By Pete Madeley

"It [the powers] can look at individuals associated and connected with corporates as well," said Ms Parish.

She was asked by Frank Field, chair of the Work and Pensions select committee, if she was looking at those who had 'made a lot of money out of this company... the top gang?'

"We are looking at all avenues for the use of our powers, yes," responded Ms Parish.

Ms Parish said the regulator was working on its investigation with other agencies, including the Financial Reporting Council, the Insolvency Service and the Financial Conduct Authority.

Golf day a Grand way to raise cash

John Harrison, left, and Richard Bourne outside the Grand

THE Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton is holding its first charity golf day later this year.

Funds raised on the day will 'allow the theatre to provide more services and activities for the local community', bosses said. The Grand's current work involves engaging with schools, community groups and health and social care groups, as well as other charities, to offer theatre-inspired workshops and projects.

John Harrison, the Grand's fundraising manager, said: "We believe that theatre can have a positive and transformative effect on people's lives, and our mission is to improve the local community by putting education, creativity and a passion for the arts at its heart.

Richard Bourne, business development and marketing manager at event sponsor PIA Wealth Management, said: "We urge all local businesses to enter a team and help to support the Grand." The golf day will take place at Wergs Golf Club on July 5. To book a place or for sponsorship inquiries, email johnh@grandtheatre.co.uk

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Police name victim at centre of murder probe

Pizza pounds for family

Abdul Javad, the owner of Napoli's Pizza shop in Chasetown

A PIZZA shop is donating £1 to the family of murdered eight-year-old schoolgirl Mylee Billingham every time it makes a delivery.

Napoli's Pizza Shop in Chasetown will be running the fundraising scheme for one month, with owner Abdul Javad taking £1 from his takings for every delivery ordered during that time.

Abdul, 36, said: "It's tragic what has happened, and we would like to help the family any way we can at this sad time. As much as money can never change the situation, we hope it will help the family with financial pressures."

Mylee Billingham died on January 20 after being stabbed to death at a home in Brownhills.

Her father, William Billingham, was charged with her murder.

THE victim at the centre of a murder investigation has been named as Kenneth Eccleston.

The 82-year-old died on Tuesday last week. A 79-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of murder and released pending further inquiries.

Mr Eccleston lived with his wife in Raven Close, Huntington, where neighbours said he was known as 'Dennis' locally and it is believed he was a father.

Stuart Parker, 58, who lives in Raven Close, said: "It is really shocking, this does not happen around here. I probably spoke to him once. He was a lovely guy.

"He used to like mowing his lawn. The only family I knew about was a son and a daughter-in-law."

Another neighbour said: "This is shocking news. It is a nice leafy neighbourhood and for this to happen, it is shocking.

"The police came on Wednesday.We have had a police presence ever since."

Arrested

Mr Eccleston was a founding member and honorary president of Littleton Colliery Bowls Club, acting as secretary, chairman, team captain, and green keeper over the years.

Chairman Paul Kelly said: "The bowling club is going well now, and it's all down to his hard work. He was also a big Wolves fan and a season ticket holder."

A spokesman for Staffordshire Police said: "Following the death of an 82-year-old man from Cannock on Tuesday, we arrested a 79-year-old woman from Cannock on suspicion of murder on Wednesday.

"The woman has since been released under investigation as we investigate the circumstances of the man's death further," the spokesman added.

"Specially trained officers are providing advice and support to the family."

In a statement the force confirmed the name of the victim is Kenneth Eccleston.

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Friends deal up an emotional idea

TWO friends from Staffordshire have unveiled a project which they claim will help people get to grips with their inner emotions.

Illustrator Soeli Thomas, aged 44, from Cheslyn Hay, and psychic Heather Spedding, 56, started the Inner Emotion Guidance Cards project more than 10 years ago, but it was put on hold until last July due to Heather's family commitments.

After previously studying both graphic design and psychic art, Soeli says, the attraction of a new challenge inspired her to get involved.

"I like illustrations, and it's just something different from what I've done before," she said.

"It's thinking outside the box, it's imaginative."

The deck of 52 cards, which feature drawings depicting different emotional states, come with an explanatory book.

The cards are currently available to buy at www.spiritualpathwayz.co.uk

Soeli Thomas, right, from Cheslyn Hay and Heather Spedding from Stafford with their Inner Emotion cards

Former director back as college's principal

A COLLEGE principal has left his post and has been replaced by a former director of curriculum.

Graham Morley stepped down from his role at South Staffordshire College after 10 years at the helm.

The new chief executive principal from today (Thursday) is Claire Boliver, who until now has been principal at Wolverhampton College.

Mrs Boliver said her vision for the college is to give learners 'careers not courses' and to ensure the college has a curriculum 'that is right for the economy and communities it serves'.

Mr Morley said: "I am immensely proud of all the successes and achievements of the staff. The board of governors has chosen an exceptional leader in Claire.

Claire Boliver

Graham Morley

"Her first-hand knowledge of the community, and track record of delivering success, places her in the strongest position, and I wish her, the college, and its learners every success in the future."

Mrs Boliver began her further education career at South Staffordshire College on a teaching placement.

She worked her way up to become director of curriculum before moving to Wolverhampton College where, after just two years, she became the principal.

One of her first moves will be to relaunch a curriculum review to ensure that courses align to the needs of the economy and community to enable learners to build successful careers.

Mrs Boliver said: "As a college we need to be responsive and flexible to the needs of the economy and community we serve in our campuses in Lichfield, Tamworth and Rodbaston and indeed across the whole of South Staffordshire."

Childcare places now available

CHILDREN reaching their third birthday in the first part of 2018 need to be signed up now if they are to benefit from 30 hours' funded childcare.

Childcare places are available from April 1 for children who celebrate their third birthday between January 1 and March 31.

Places are also available for children who are already three or four, but have not been registered yet. To be eligible, both parents, or the parent in a single-parent family, must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours a week at the national minimum wage, or living wage.

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Family welcome Nunes murder inquiry review

THE family of murdered footballer Kevin Nunes have welcomed a police review to be carried out over the case.

The review, announced by Staffordshire Police, could mean a reopening of the murder case.

The previous investigation led to the murder convictions and jailing of five men but mishandling of a witness and the failure to disclosure details to the jury led to the convictions being overturned. His family welcomed the move but say they are cautious about hopes being dashed.

Kevin Nunes

Benjamin Williams, brother of Mr Nunes's girlfriend Leanne, said: "If the police decide to go ahead, and get the right result this time, that would be great but if they go ahead, and don't get the right result, well that will be more pain and agony for us all."

After the family met Gareth Morgan, the Chief Constable of Staffordshire, at their solicitor's office in Leicester, Mr Williams said: "We were very impressed with Mr Morgan and pleased with what he told us.

"He said he'd be making the decision from now on.

"People tell me not to trust the police, given what's happened, but I'm willing to give it a chance. He acknowledged the failings beforehand and said he wanted to help us."

Mr Nunes has a 15-year-old son who was born after the killing in Pattingham, near Wolverhampton.

Benjamin Williams and his sister Leanne, who was Kevin Nunes's girlfriend

Mr Nunes, of Whitmore Reans in the city, was playing for Stafford Rangers when he was lured to Clive Road on September 19, 2002. It is believed he was killed as part of a drugs turf war.

Five men – Adam Joof of Willenhall, Levi Walker of Birmingham, Antonio Christie of Great Bridge, and Owen Crooks and Michael Osbourne, both of Wolverhampton – were given life sentences after being found guilty of the murder in 2008. But four years later they were acquitted on appeal after a number of police failings were exposed.

The appeal centred on a damning internal police report that found significant failings by detectives handling star witness Simeon Taylor.

The review will be carried out by another police force.

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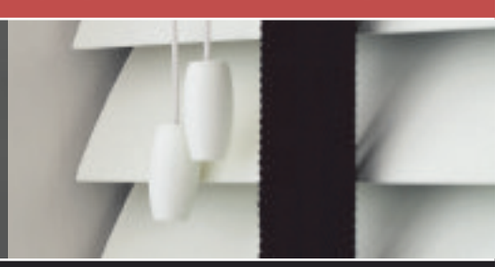

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AN historic building in Brereton has been saved from demolition after councillors turned down plans to knock it down due to its heritage.

Under the plans, the former Talbot Inn, which was built in the mid-18th Century, was earmarked to be demolished for new headquarters for mental health service Midlands Psychology.

But Cannock Chase Council refused the application after residents opposed the demolition of the historic building in Main Road, built around 1750. Residents claimed the new development would be an 'eyesore' as well as stating they felt it was 'far too tall and dominant'.

The planning decision notice said: "In this instance it is considered that the socio-economic and environmental benefits of the proposals do not outweigh the harm to the designated heritage assets."

Councillor Darren Foley, who represents the Brereton and Ravenhill ward on the district council, said: "I received several calls and messages from residents, concerned at what they saw as the possible demolition of one of the area's iconic buildings.

"If this application had been approved I fear that it would have sent a message to potential developers that we do not care about our old buildings."

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Electricity isn't actually so clean

IN reply to Dr Waller on the subject of electric cars, I don't think I am missing the point at all (Letters, February 8).

I appreciate that electricity appears to be a clean source of energy but it isn't.

Would Dr Waller still have purchased an electric car without zero road tax or government subsidy, I doubt it.

It is true that electric cars are cleaner than conventional powered vehicles, in as much that they do not discharge noxious fumes into our towns and cities.

The short range of such vehicles is a major concern as I stated earlier. However, the pollution is taking place elsewhere on Earth.

Electricity has to be generated somewhere, solar panels do not work at night and wind farms don't work when there is no wind.

With so many no or low tax vehicles plus the many foreign trucks on our deteriorating roads the Government has a serious problem with loss of taxation income.

M FAWDREY
Hednesford

Views will now remain for future generations

THE Friends Of Etching Hill would like to thank our MP, Amanda Milling, for bringing to a successful conclusion an issue relating to the management of Etching Hill.

She established that the hill is classed as common land / village green and that the management as such should be left in the hands of the charitable trustees, who are supported by volunteers from the Friends Of Etching Hill.

The requirement to plant 24 oak trees has now been relinquished which means the views from the hill will remain for future generations to appreciate.

THE FRIENDS OF ETCHING HILL

Johnson is still just a lot of noise

I SEE Boris Johnson is still engaged in his only real skill – making a lot of noise without achieving anything.

There is not a jot of thought for the West Midlands in his latest pontificating, not a single solid fact to prove that Brexit will not cause harm to the West Midlands economy.

The problem is that too many people do not understand that it is all about Johnsonesque flamboyance, not about providing practical solutions to real problems.

As mayor Johnson did not oversee the building of a single new state secondary school in London yet he spent millions on what can only be described as monuments to Boris.

He is all about himself.

ROGER WATTS
Walsall

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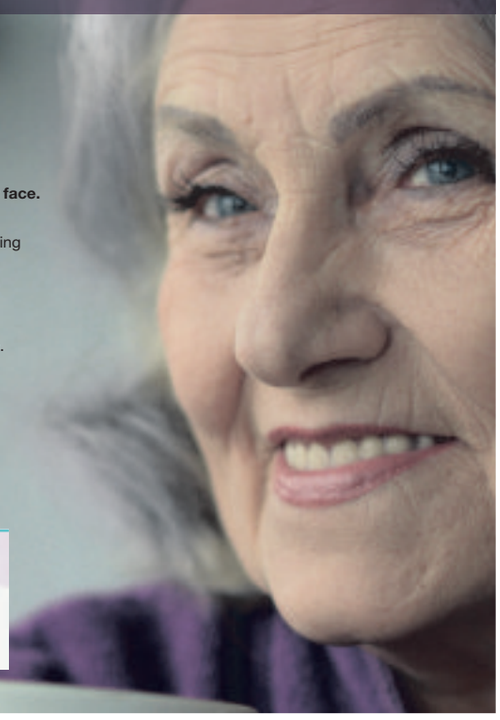

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Jemma's well-versed in joys of helping patients

A STUDENT nurse has been inspired to write poetry about the 'beautiful career'.

Jemma Bird, from Walsall, is now in her third year of a nursing degree at Wolverhampton University.

The 34-year-old's poem, called Just A Nurse, has captured her experience of working on hospital wards as part of her initial training, as well as her aspirations to get into nursing when she was younger.

She said it had been her 'lifelong ambition' to become a nurse but the decision to pursue her dream had not always been easy because of people's negative perceptions of the role.

Shape

But now she feels things have changed. She said: "After caring for people for two and a half years whilst studying for a degree, I realise the view of nursing held by some could not be further from the truth.

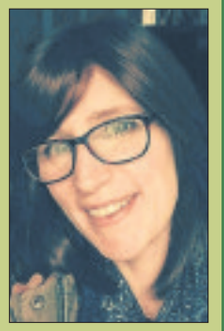
"I have found nursing to be a beautiful career that not only helps others in so many different ways but helps shape the person undertaking the role into the person they become.

"During my years studying I have written poetry relating to my experiences along the way.

"Just A Nurse is one I wrote during my first year and still reflects how I feel about the privilege of being able to care for people during their most vulnerable times."

Just A Nurse

BY JEMMA BIRD



Just a nurse was said to me. Just a nurse when young and wee.
Figuring out who I should be. Just a nurse? Was this for me?
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Sometimes not even ten minutes to think.

Assignments, legislation, governance and law.
Anatomy, physiology, biochemistry to explore.
Information and exams, you don't understand.
Yet you read and read, till it's all second hand.
Catheters, bed pans, helping people change.
Emergencies, resus, helping people walk once again.

Theatres, x-rays, surgery and more,
Being with patients and waiting by that door.
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Playing cards with the elderly man, who thinks you're his wife,
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And all you can do is play along and smile, hoping that somehow you make him happy for a while.
Nurses are pushed, prodded and pulled, yet they don't complain and carry on in their role.
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Cricket bowling in for show at club

TV and theatre entertainer Jimmy Cricket will be at Hednesford Ex-Servicemen's Club this weekend

COMEDY legend Jimmy Cricket brings his unique brand of humour to a Hednesford venue this weekend.

The TV and theatre entertainer – well known for his catchphrase "…and there's more!" – will be at Hednesford Ex-Servicemen's Club on Saturday. With support from Sixties band The Touch, the show is the latest in a varied line-up of live entertainment at the club, affectionately known as The Soldiers Club by local residents.

Following the demise of The Tackeroo live music venue, the management and staff at The Soldiers Club, with the help of a local sound company, began hosting major tribute bands from throughout the UK.

The club has stood on the same spot in Anglesey Street since November 1923 when it replaced The Soldiers Institute, providing a licensed meeting place for retired members of the Armed Forces and their families. Non-members are welcome on live entertainment nights.

Tickets for Jimmy Cricket are £12 available from the club or by calling 01543 422407.

Exhibition will again take care of business

HUNDREDS of delegates from a broad range of business sectors are set to attend a networking event in Staffordshire.

Let's Do Business 2018 is billed as Staffordshire's largest business exhibition and will take place at Uttoxeter racecourse on June 28. The exhibition will see members from all Chambers in Staffordshire making new connections.

By David Banner

More than 1,000 delegates attended the event in the last three years it has been held.

Chris Plant, director at Greater Birmingham Chambers, said: "Staffordshire is spectacularly successful at breeding and encouraging new, small, exciting firms full of dynamism and promise.

"There is no shortage of enterprise in this county but there is a shortage of shouting about it.

"So full marks to everyone who is planning to exhibit or attend our exhibition.

"We expect this year's event to surpass the success of 2015, 2016 and 2017 – we are confident of attracting over 1,000 visitors, making it the biggest business event in the county again."

Sara Williams, CEO of Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, said: "Staffordshire is home to thousands of thriving businesses, and the county is part of the economic engine of growth for the whole of the country.

"This is something we will recognise at our inaugural Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce Business Awards being held later this year. The Let's Do Business exhibition showcases the strength of our business community." Let's Do Business 2018 is free to attend.

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Tower of strength for tough challenge

Steve Bateman, standing, centre, and Sam Cutler, second left, with students and participants

CELEBRITIES taking on a gruelling 530-kilometre challenge for charity are being put through their paces in Staffordshire University's specialist sports labs.

Some 24 yet to be revealed well-known names will join members of the public in May to cycle, row and walk from the Eiffel Tower in Paris to London Bridge, raising much-needed funds for the Donna Louise Hospice.

Staffordshire University is Tower to Tower's official education partner and is offering ongoing support as the team prepares for the challenge. Steve Bateman, senior lecturer in sports therapy, said: "Students and graduates from our sports therapy courses are carrying out physiological fitness testing and providing advice on training, injury prevention and strength and conditioning."

Recent graduates Sam Cutler and Louise Wilkes will provide medical support for the team during the challenge.

To make a donation go to https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SteveBateman

Plan takes another step

ARMITAGE with Handsacre Parish Council has become the ninth community to submit a neighbourhood plan to Lichfield District Council.

The plan outlines how Armitage with Handsacre could be shaped in the future and, if approved, it will provide a framework for development that will form part of the development plan for the Lichfield district. Lichfield District Council is now holding a six-week consultation so that local people, organisations and agencies can consider the Armitage with Handsacre Neighbourhood Plan and give their views.

The district council will then collate all the comments and pass them on to an independent examiner, who will look at the comments and the neighbourhood plan when assessing whether it meets national requirements and can proceed to the next stage of the process, which is a referendum within the neighbourhood area.

Councillor Ian Pritchard, cabinet member for economic growth, environment and development services on the district council, said: "Well done to everyone who has worked on this plan.

"It's a great achievement to have got it this far in the process."

The consultation is running until 5pm on Friday, April 6.

£3,000 a year bill – to rid hospital of vermin

A HOSPITAL trust is spending £3,000 a year on pest control – as bosses rid the site of rats, mice and even a wasps nest.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust used the cash on pest control measures over each of the past four years at Manor Hospital.

A Freedom of Information request asking for details of pest control call-outs between 2013 and 2017 revealed the problems.

In the 2017-18 financial year, there were 10 call-outs, including rat and mice sightings in the main entrance and clinical measurement unit.

A wasps' nest was also discovered in the hospital. In the financial year before, a mouse was spotted in a ward kitchen, and a silverfish insect in another.

Another wasps' nest was discovered outside the neo-natal department during the same period.

Respond

Spider mites were found in another ward in the previous year, as well as rats, in the boiler room.

Jane Longden, divisional director for estates and facilities at the hospital trust, said: "In common with other large organisations, we retain a pest control budget which provides an ongoing service to the hospital site and allows us to respond to any untoward incidents in a robust and effective manner to ensure the safety and wellbeing of patients and staff across our hospital site."

Last year, the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital, was revealed to have spent £93,617 on pest control measures in four years, exceeding the £59,347 budget.

Ian Jenkins, chairman of Wolverhampton Lib Dems, said: "Wards are where we should see a nurse or a doctor and not a rat trap."

Pat is super-strong at 81

Pat Harvey has broken two weightlifting world records

A GREAT-GRANDDAD showed his might, breaking a world weightlifting record.

Pat Harvey, an 81-year-old muscle man from Stafford, deadlifted 135kg and bench pressed 62.5kg at the British Unequipped Single Lift Championships – setting a new record for his age category.

The father-of-five, granddad to 13 and great-granddad to 12, proved age is no obstacle by breaking the record on his first attempt then lifting even heavier on the following two tries.

He had to beat 125kg to break the deadlift record at the event in Weston-Super-Mare, organised by the World Drug-Free Powerlifting Federation.

He said: "It is just a surreal feeling, I still cannot believe it."

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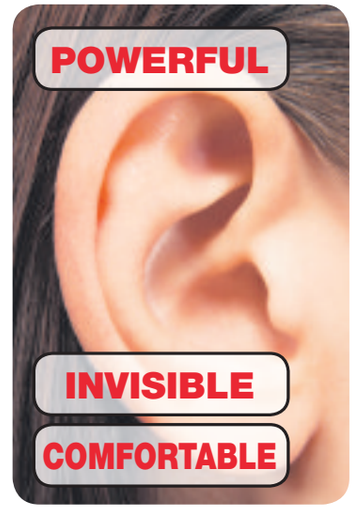

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Life term for man who set fires to steal cash

A DANGEROUS arsonist who set fires at a hospital and university has been jailed for life.

Thomas Ashcroft deliberately started the blazes at a Staffordshire University building and Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The 40-year-old plotted to steal cash from the buildings after starting the infernos, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Staffordshire Police's Detective Inspector Dan Ison said: "Ashcroft has a track record as a serial commercial burglar and has adopted the practice of setting off the fire alarm to encourage the evacuation of the building. Once empty he then attempts to steal money from within the building. Good work by our officers has stopped him from doing this again.

Ashcroft

"His tactic of setting light to buildings is both reckless and dangerous and could have resulted in the deaths of many people.

"We welcome this sentence and hope it deters others from thinking they can get away with such illegal and hazardous acts."

Ashcroft, of Sheffield, admitted arson and will be eligible for parole after serving seven years and 182 days.

He set fire to the university's Beacon Building on the afternoon of June 7, lighting toilet paper in the disabled toilets on the first floor of the College Road campus in Stoke-on-Trent, the court heard.

Ashcroft was captured on CCTV sitting outside after starting the blaze before walking off campus once firefighters arrived.

The defendant then made his way down to the basement floor at the hospital's main building where he set light to plastic bagged items stored in metal cages.

A man on his way to the critical care unit discovered the fire and alerted staff.

Officers tracked Ashcroft to Manchester and arrested him the following day.

Smashing night for winner

John 'Wolfie' Jones shows off his award presented at Molineux

A WOLVES fan was presented with a prestigious award in front of nearly 30,000 people at Molineux.

John 'Wolfie' Jones, aged 63, received the Player of the Year award from Tennis For Free Hednesford, which he joined three years ago to build his confidence after being unemployed since 1983.

He has not been able to afford to go to any games for more than 40 years. And after three years of training with Tennis For Free, he had the courage to accept the award at half-time during Wolves' game against Norwich City.

Wolfie originally got involved with Tennis For Free when he was referred by his GP. He has gone to every training session since.

"I've been involved in all sorts, I go every day," he said.

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Sufferers of stroke will go to New Cross

STROKE patients in Walsall will face longer journeys for treatment as they will no longer be taken to their local hospital.

People who suffer strokes in Walsall will now be taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton as the stroke unit at the town's Manor Hospital is not considered to be busy enough to keep running.

The proposals were first announced last year and are now due to come into force from April. NHS bosses in Walsall said stroke services at the Manor were no longer 'sustainable' due to the relatively low number of patients being cared for.

A Walsall Council scrutiny panel is poised to give its support to the plan after being satisfied most patients will reach New Cross in 25 minutes.

The plan was taken to the scrutiny committee so health chiefs could be sure 'Walsall patients receive the highest level of care, regardless of the method by which they access the stroke services'.

Although it will mean longer journeys for some patients to get to hospital,

By Richard Guttridge

heath experts insist the changes will ensure they 'receive treatment within national standards'.

National health guidelines state that for a hospital trust to run a viable 'hyper acute stroke unit' there should be a minimum of 600 confirmed stroke patients each year who are treated.

But the number of patients using the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust for stroke services have fallen well short, with only 420 cases confirmed.

Labour councillor Aftab Nawaz said: "I understand there is a level of expertise that isn't available at every hospital but the NHS should be funded to have the expertise in all hospitals."

Johnson's favourite tree set for the chop

The tree known as Johnson's Willow by the side of Stowe Pool, and, *inset*, the damage to its trunk

A 'UNIQUE' tree known as Johnson's Willow needs to be reduced in size after evidence of decay which could make it unsafe was discovered. Thousands of trees on land owned by Lichfield District Council were examined in a survey, which revealed that the willow, next to Stowe Pool in the city, is coming to the end of its life.

The willow is famous for having been Dr Samuel Johnson's favourite tree when he lived in, and later revisited, Lichfield in the 18th Century, hence the nickname.

Johnson's Willow has been regrown using cuttings three times due to the first tree, thought to date from 1700, being blown down in 1829. The second was destroyed in a storm in 1881, and the third cut down in 1956 as it was unsafe.

The current tree was grown from a cutting of the previous incarnation. As the tree is historically significant, the council will take cuttings from it to grow a new one. Johnson Society member John Winterton said: "Johnson's Willow is a unique and important part of Lichfield's heritage."

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£1.2m scheme to ease rush hour headache

A £1.2 MILLION scheme to ease traffic congestion at a notorious roundabout on a busy commuter route has been unveiled.

The proposed improvements, which include a new link road, are part of a larger £5.2m regeneration project to improve travel in the Walsall area.

Plans for the Mellish Road island, which lies on a route used by Staffordshire motorists to get into Walsall town centre, have been welcomed after years of frustration suffered by drivers stuck in lengthy queues.

A new road will link the two sections of Lichfield Road either side of the island, to help increase capacity at the junction, which was revamped almost 40 years ago.

Work is expected to start this spring to be completed by summer.

Ward councillor Aftab Nawaz said: "I have had a briefing from officers and spoken to residents. Their main concern is disruption while the works go on.

Extension

"It is very congested in the morning during rush hour. A constant complaint I get is, drivers use the Butts area as another option, but if it makes traffic flow quicker in that area, I think anyone will be pleased, and I am in favour of it."

The scheme is part of the Walsall Town Centre Access Package, which includes four major regeneration projects in the borough – the £100,000 Bloxwich North Park and Ride extension; £1.75m ring road improvements; £1.66m cycling and walking improvements; and £2.5m local network resilience.

It follows a cash injection of £918,000 from The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership along with £4.3m from the Department for Transport's National Productivity Investment Fund. Elsewhere, junctions on the A454 and A4148 routes into Walsall town centre will be improved as part of the M6 Junction 10 scheme.

Wilde classic at Garrick

Town and country clash in The Importance Of Being Earnest

THE Importance Of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde is coming to Lichfield this month.

It stars national treasure Gwen Taylor as the formidable Lady Bracknell, Downton Abbey favourite Thomas Howes as Algernon, West End star Peter Sandys-Clarke as Jack and Susan Penhaligon as the hapless Miss Prism.

The play sees town and country clash in a 'brilliant and wildly funny story of romance, identity, perambulators and capacious handbags'.

Directed by Alastair Whatley, this production by The Original Theatre Company will be staged at the Garrick Theatre from March 27 to 31.

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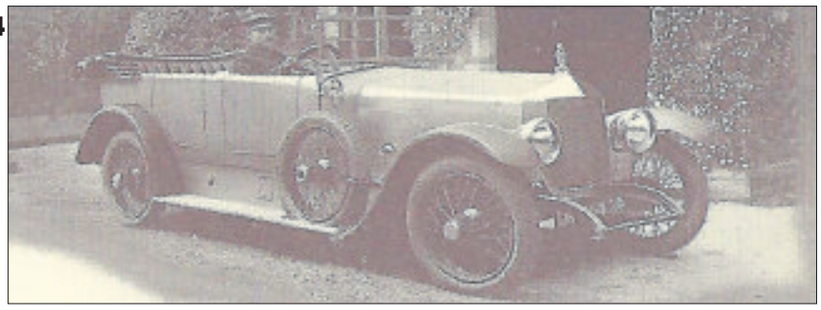

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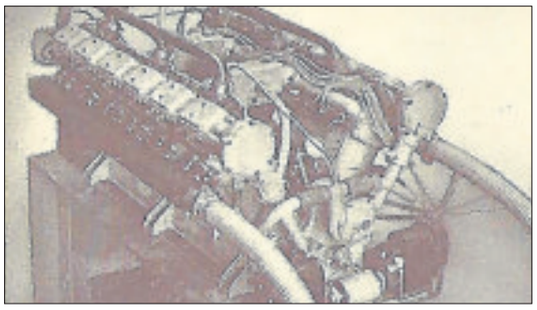
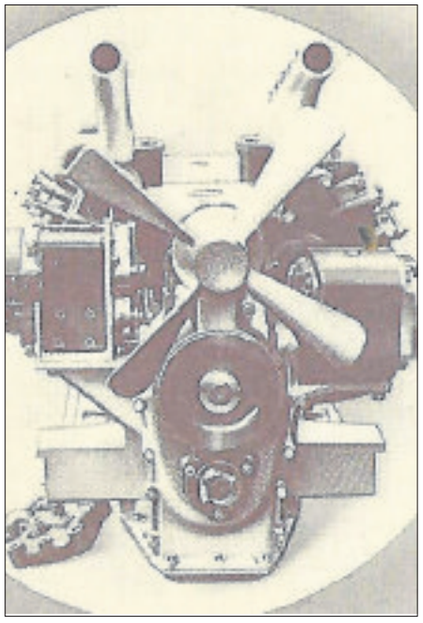


The V12 Guy aero engine



The post War Guy V8 car engine

How Dragonfly orders took massive nosedive

DID Guy Motors produce their own V12 aero-engine at the end of the First World War ? It seems a simple question but also seems to be something of a mystery.

Sydney Guy was Works Manager at the Sunbeam Motor Car Company before the First World War, when they were producing their first V8 and V12 aero engines.

On May 30, 1914 he resigned, and on the same day registered a new company, Guy Motors, and built a factory on the other side of town, and by September was producing 30 cwt lorries.

During the War the Ministry of Munitions took over the factory with orders for military supplies like the fuses for depth charges.

Then in April 1918 Guy received a contract for 12 seven cylinder 150 hp ABC Wasp radial aero engines, and also for one experimental 320 hp 9 cylinder ABC Dragonfly engine. The Dragonfly, on paper, seemed a war-winning engine, giving high power for only 662 lbs dry weight, and soon the Ministry were ordering it by the thousand from 11 different manufacturers, and planning a whole phalanx of aircraft for it to power.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Experimental

Guy Motors built their first experimental one in the short time of only 24 days from first machining to test run. With the order for 12 Wasp engines 90 per cent complete, Guy were then told to turn them over for completion to another company and were given an order for 600 of the high priority Dragonflies.

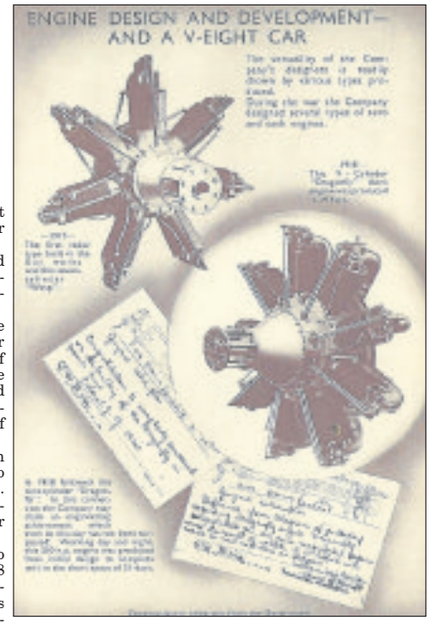
It was here that troubles began as the Dragonfly turned out to be an awful engine. In the air it overheated, with the cylinders often running cherry red, and vibrated so badly it started to shake itself to pieces after just a few hours running.

The problems were never fixed and orders were cancelled wholesale, before Guy produced their first production example.

Now it has been said that at the end of the war Guy had built their own V12 aero engine, and a couple of images of it have surfaced, but at the time no Company was allowed to build an aero-engine without Ministry permission, and there are no records of permission even being sought.

Sydney Guy was not the sort of man who would allow others to dictate to him what he could and could not do. Did he take a look at the awful Dragonfly and decide he could do better himself ?

After the war he quickly went into production with one of the first V8 cars, but what happened to the aero-engine, and have any other details survived beyond a couple of photographs ?



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It's an age-old tale of fun for Quartet

It has an all-star cast. Quartet features Paul Nicholas, Wendi Peters, Sue Holderness and Jeff Rawle and tells the charming tale of four ageing opera singers. The show, which opens at Birmingham's REP on Tuesday and runs until March 10, tells the story of Cecily, Reggie and Wilfred, who reside in a magnificent retirement home in Kent.

The rumour circling the halls is that the home is soon to play host to a new resident. Word is, it's a star. Jean arrives and old rivalries resurface, secrets are revealed and chaos unfolds, but in true theatrical tradition - the show must go on.

Paul Nicholas is best known for his work in The Real Marigold Hotel and Just Good Friends, Wendi Peters starred in Coronation Street and Oh What A Lovely War!, Sue Holderness played Marlene in Only Fools and Horses and The Green Green Grass while Jeff Rawle became a household name in Harry Potter and Drop The Dead Donkey.

Their work in the brand-new revival of the bitter-sweet comedy has dazzled critics. Quartet was created by the Oscar-winning writer Sir Ronald Harwood and is a celebration of the twilight years and the hilarity of growing old disgracefully.

The character who causes the disruption at the Kentish retirement home is played by Sue Holderness, who featured alongside Boycie in Only Fools and Horses and The Green Green Grass.

Grey area – Quartet is set in a retirement home in Kent

GENERATION

She says: "My character in Quartet, Jean Horton, was a major star in the world of opera. In her heyday she was known as one of the finest sopranos of her generation. She retired very early, apparently to settle down and spend time with her children.

"We discover during the play that there was rather more to it than that. She is a diva. She still thinks of herself as a major star and expects all those around her to jump to her every whim. She's really rather a monster – so thrilling to play.

"The four characters are very different and seeing them interacting is great fun. Ronald Harwood is the most wonderful writer. I've been blessed in my career to be offered roles written by some of the very finest writers – Alan Ayckbourn, George Bernard Shaw, Terence Rattigan and, of course, the genius John Sullivan. Ronald Harwood is up there with the best of them."

She relates to the play because it focuses on the ageing process. "You ask me to give advice about the hilarity of growing old! Much of it isn't hilarious at all. Bits of you start to creak and the memory goes walkabout. My character in this is waiting for a new hip and is in constant pain, which probably accounts for some of her grumpiness. But my advice would simply be to keep going. Walk a lot, eat well and laugh. Laughter really is the best medicine – so come and see Quartet."

Actor Paul Nicholas has been enjoying working with his fellow cast and is happy to be on the road. "It helps that we're playing old people, other than Wendi who's a child. If you're working with slightly more mature actors they've been there and done it all, so it's a bit more easy-going."

He was looking for a role that reflecting on growing old and was delighted when he stumbled upon Quartet.

"I was looking to do something for an older guy and I came across this play. I thought it was excellent and very well written. It's a very good comment on what it's like to be older, especially as an older performer – the difficulties, the fun, the various moods and things that become apparent when you get older.

"There's one great line 'we don't actually change, I'm still the same person'. It's true, we do basically stay the same. I try to anyway. Every so often you get a job that makes you think 'that's really good', and this is one of those occasions.

"When people come to see it, particularly older people, will recognise things that happen. It sounds awful but it's actually quite funny. As long as you can keep your sense of humour above anything, you're OK. Being old can be very enjoyable and you can still have a lot of fun."

Wendi Peters has enjoyed being on the road since leaving Coronation Street, where she played Cilla Battersby-Brown.

"I think it's going to be a lovely tour; we go to really lovely venues. I think it's going to be a lovely, sedate tour with lots of cups of tea, lots of sightseeing… as well as doing the play in beautiful theatres.

"I saw the film when it first came out and again when we started rehearsals; I was pleasantly surprised at how different they are. The film is beautiful and very gentle . . . the play is outright funny!

"We're laughing at bits ourselves, and we had a select audience the other day and were thrilled at how much they were laughing out loud. There probably isn't a page of dialogue that goes by without a big laugh."

Jeff Rawle, meanwhile, thinks the comedy is touching. "It's very funny because the whole point is that they're ageing opera singers who were successful in their day so they're all highly individual and eccentric people, all together in various states of decay. In some ways, they're starting to return to their childhoods and their past has become very important to them.

"I think people living with older parents, or who are getting old themselves, will recognise the traits – but they're dealt with great humour. It's very well written."

Andy Richardson

Being old can be very enjoyable and you can still have a lot of fun

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The Pale Waves

On crest of the Waves

Breakthrough band Pale Waves are riding the crest of success with tour dates selling out as the My Obsession quartet prepare to play for a full house at Birmingham's O2 Academy 3 tomorrow night (Friday).

This month the Kohl-eyed indie pop outfit formed at Manchester University are more than living up to the 'next big thing' status afforded by the BBC Sound of 2018 listing and NME Under the Radar award. This month they release The Tide, a new track from their forthcoming All The Things I Never Said EP, a follow up to their singles My Obsession and New Year's Eve.

Everything Everything have further refined their jittery angular take on indie rock with fourth album A Fever Dream, again distinctive due to the soaring vocals of Jonathan Higgs, and they will be in concert at the O2 Academy on Saturday.

The Modfather himself, Paul Weller, former The Jam and Style Council frontman and a solo success for 26 years, is in concert at the Genting Arena tomorrow with songs from across his 40-year career including 13th studio album A Kind Of Revolution. The Strypes support. Then on Saturday the Genting hosts the pride of Ramsbottom, Elbow, as Guy Garvey and co bring their Little Fictions tour with more majestic melancholy rock.

Leeds outfit Hookworms bring their electro-psych-pop, as heard on the new Microshift album, to the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Sunday and international eight-piece Superorganism, who have released brilliant pop track Everybody Wants To Be Famous, showcase their self-titled debut album at the O2 Institute in Digbeth on Monday.

Gwenno brings her Cornish psychedelic folk to the Hare and Hounds next Thursday (March 8), the same night reactivated synth pop legends Blancmange play the venue's other room.

Great entertainer in his price range

THERE was a brilliant moment at The Royal Variety Performance when Brian Conley was standing on stage with his old mate Bradley Walsh.

"I'm going to do an impression," Brian said. "This is Bradley Walsh." He faced away from the audience at the London Palladium and as Bradley looked on, none the wiser, Brian wrapped cellotape around his face so that his nose was squashed and his eyes wrinkled. He turned to face the audience, aped his mate's accent and stood right next to him.

"I'm Bradley." The audience roared. And then he started to jog across the stage. Bradley looked at Brian, jaw dropping somewhere near the floor.

"What are you doing, Brian."

"The Chase."

Boom.

Conley has been entertaining people for 45 years, having got his first paying gig at the age of 12.

During that time, he's made five Royal Variety Performance appearances and been the lead in such musicals as Me and My Girl, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Hairspray, Oliver!, The Music Man, Barnum and Jolson for which he was nominated for an Olivier Award.

He's also won a raft of TV awards and a British Comedy Award.

He's not done badly for a kid who was in the remedial class at school.

He's on the road again with his one-man show. It's called Brian Conley – Still The Greatest Entertainer In His Price Range, a typically self-deprecating title.

The show is at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on March 10 and he's added a matinee because the evening show is almost sold out. He will also be at Lichfield Garrick on April 6 and Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on May 13.

Pokey around in American sounds

Retro Americana drawing on blues and western swing comes to Birmingham's O2 Institute on Wednesday when Missouri's Pokey LaFarge makes a rare Midlands appearance. Born Andrew Heissler and nicknamed Pokey as a child, LaFarge first caught the eye and ear in the UK when his old time sound and look was showcased on TV by Jools Holland, performing the La La Blues and Drinkin' Whiskey. He has released eight albums, the most recent being Manic Revelations.

Changing wombs with mirth and music

Former EastEnders star Cheryl Fergison will join Maureen Nolan, Casualty's Rebecca Wheatley and comedienne Hilary O'Neil in Menopause The Musical at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre – an all-singing all-dancing comedy that's likely to bring you out in a hot flush! The show is set in a department store where four women with seemingly nothing in common meet by chance and make fun of their lives experiencing 'The Change'. The production is even sponsored by a health supplement for ladies of a certain age. Packed with one-liners and lots of classic pop tunes, Menopause The Musical is at the Lichfield Street theatre for one night on Monday. See grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.
It will also be at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham on April 28.

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Pamela Anderson

Piers Morgan's Life Stories (ITV, 9.50pm)

The host interviews former Baywatch star and Playboy centrefold Pamela Anderson, who reflects on her career and turbulent personal life. She talks about her first husband Tommy Lee, whom she married following a whirlwind four-day courtship, and discusses the nature of her recent relationship with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. She also opens up about her role as an animal rights activist, including persuading Vladimir Putin to ban the import of seal products into Russia.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Classic Mary Berry. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Triathlon. **2.45** Cycling. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.40** Celebrity Mastermind. (R)

6.10 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.25 Pointless Celebrities. Colin Jackson, Roger Black, Rowetta, Tony Mortimer, Anna Ryder Richardson, Kirsten O'Brien and Chesney Hawkes compete in a 1990s-themed edition of the general knowledge quiz.

7.15 All Together Now. Rob Beckett hosts the Grand Final of the crowd-pleasing talent show, as the 10 finalists return to battle it out for the right to claim the £50,000 prize, and the title of champion. Each competitor performs a single song, hoping to get as many of the 100-strong panel of judges to join in. Then, the three highest-scoring singers take part in a make-or-break sing-off, performing a brand new song in one last attempt to impress the judges. Last in the series.

8.20 Casualty. Dylan faces a personal and professional dilemma when two members of his AA group arrive in the ED, and Ethan becomes convinced that Bea is the author of the Rage in Resus blog.

9.10 Troy: Fall of a City. The Greeks' grip on the city of Troy tightens, forcing Hector and Paris to embark on a risky mission to enlist the aid of a nearby ally. With only each other for support, the brothers' ordeal tests and strengthens their bond, but when a familiar face tells Hector the disturbing truth about Paris, the pair's newfound kinship is placed in jeopardy once more. Meanwhile, back in Troy, Helen finally begins to win over Andromache and the people of the city with her generosity, but she remains unaware that Menelaus and Agamemnon have devised an audacious plan to steal her back.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day.

11.55 Film: My Brother the Devil. (2012) Drama, starring James Floyd and Fady Elsayed.

1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **6.25** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **6.55** The Pets Factor. **7.15** The Dengineers. **7.45** Absolute Genius: Monster Builds. **8.15** Beyond Bionic. **8.45** Robot Wars. (R) **9.45** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the opening session on the third day of the competition, which takes place at Arena Birmingham. The opening round of heats in the men's 60m and 1500m are due to take place, along with the finals of the women's triple jump and men's shot put. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Denise Lewis, Paula Radcliffe and Colin Jackson, and commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter and Steve Backley. **1.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **2.30** Me and My Dog: The Ultimate Contest. (R) **3.30** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. (R) **4.30** Hugh's Wild West. **5.30** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the evening session on the third day of the competition, which takes place at Arena Birmingham. The schedule includes the finals of the men's 60m, 400m and 800m, as well as the women's 400m and 1500m finals. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Denise Lewis, Paula Radcliffe and Colin Jackson, and commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter and Steve Backley.

9.30 Film: A Little Chaos. (2014) Premiere. A female landscape designer is 17th-century France challenges boundaries of class and gender when she is chosen by King Louis XIV to create a new garden for the palace of Versailles. She becomes romantically involved with a fellow designer, whose creative philosophy is the opposite of hers. Period drama, starring Kate Winslet, Matthias Schoenaerts, Stanley Tucci and Alan Rickman, who also directed.

11.20 Film: The Help. (2011) An aspiring journalist returns to her Mississippi home in the 1960s and begins documenting the lives of black servants working for wealthy white families. Her project brings the community's household staff together, but creates controversy among their employers. Drama based on Kathryn Stockett's novel, starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard and an Oscar-winning Octavia Spencer.

1.40 Civilisations. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel's Avengers: Ultron Revolution. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.25** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster. Coverage of today's race meetings at Doncaster, Newbury and Kelso. **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a vlogger who squirts perfume in her eyes and a runaway car that wrecks a campsite.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The Geordie duo celebrate the 100th edition of their award-winning programme, and put their OBEs to good use as they join a secret service agency staffed by individuals with honours as their latest mystery spoof sketch gets under way. Oscar-winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr is this week's guest announcer, and Michael Ball and Alfie Boe help out with the End of the Show Show. Plus, Stephen Mulhern gives members of the public in Warrington the chance to win a cash prize in this week's In for a Penny, and Scarlett Moffatt has another huge surprise in store for an unsuspecting family.

8.30 The Voice UK. The singers who made it through the audition stages face another round of head-to-head performances, as the second night of the Battles phase arrives.

9.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories. The host interviews former Baywatch star Pamela Anderson, who reflects on her career.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: The Fast and the Furious. (2001) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.35** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Supervet. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages. The actress discovers the idyllic coastal villages of East Anglia. She travels by train to the Edwardian holiday resort of Weybourne, and goes dredging at Cley next the Sea. She also hears a scandalous take in Stiffkey, and heads to Thorpeness, Suffolk, to visit a village inspired by the tale of Peter Pan. Plus, she takes in the ancient settlement of Dunwich, and ends her journey at Walberswick. Previously seen on More4.

8.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge explores more tales of Britain's rich maritime history, this time visiting the banks of the Clyde. In Glasgow, she finds evidence of a busy Iron Age waterway and an enormous wall built to channel the water, illustrating the complex relationship between the city and the river it was built upon. She also discovers an oddly shaped vessel in a boat graveyard that would have been instrumental in constructing the wall.

9.00 Film: 10 Cloverfield Lane. (2016) Premiere. A woman survives a car crash, and wakes up to find herself in an underground bunker, belonging to a survivalist who claims that a devastating attack has left the outside world uninhabitable. As his behaviour becomes increasingly stranger, she begins to fear she is being tricked and resolves to discover the truth for herself. Thriller, starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead.

11.00 Film: Predator. (1987) Sci-fi thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.50** The Last Leg. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.55** The Question Jury. (R) **5.50** Superfoods: The Real Story. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **3.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.05** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R)

6.00 The Secret Life of Kittens. Part one of two. Documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience and the friends they make during this period create†indelible impressions and shape their unique personalities. †Cameras capture all the formative moments, including their first exploration of their home environment, their curtain-climbing acrobatics, and the first time they venture out to meet the neighbourhood cats. (R)

7.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald. The singer heads to Alaska, America's largest state and home to some of the most breathtaking scenery on the planet. She takes a helicopter trip up to an ice field for a dog-sledding adventure, and later witnesses the majesty of the Margery glacier, a 21-mile stretch of ice in the Glacier Bay National Park. On board Holland America's ship Nieuw Amsterdam, Jane goes backstage to meet the cast of the nightly musicals, has a cooking lesson from the executive chef and reveals how to make the most of a lazy day in port. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals. Part two of two. Rob Bell examines RMS Queen Mary, the most famous ocean liner ever built and the first merchant naval ship ever to have been launched by a reigning sovereign. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Reading and Aston Villa v Queens Park Rangers.

10.00 Live Championship Boxing. Josh Taylor v Humberto Soto.

11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World **8.00** Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest **9.00** Modus **10.30** Promises & Lies: The Story of UB40 **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.40** The Shires: New Country **1.40** Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest **2.40** Promises & Lies: The Story of UB40 **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.35 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **1.15 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **3.00 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **5.15 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.00 Film:** Uncle Buck (1989) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10 Film:** Uncle Buck (1989) **9.00 Film:** White House Down (2013) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** White House Down (2013) **11.35** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** Ibiza Weekender **2.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

1.20 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.25 Film:** Columbo: Double Shock (1973) **5.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** The Good Karma Hospital **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Storage Wars **12.30** Live Darts: UK Open. Coverage of the second day at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **5.00** Football's Greatest: Eusebio **5.05** Pawn Stars **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. Further coverage of the second day at the Butlins Minehead Resort. **11.05 Film:** Reservoir Dogs (1992) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Reservoir Dogs (1992) **1.10** Minder **2.10** Tommy Cooper **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.20 Film: Stuart Little (1999) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Men in Black 3 (2012) **9.00 Film:** Identity Thief (2013) **11.15** Gogglebox **12.20** Celebs Go Dating **2.35** Celebs Go Dating: The Finale **3.25** Timeless **4.10** Don't Tell the Bride Ireland **5.05** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

1.00 Field of Dreams (1989) **3.05** Carry On Teacher (1959) **4.50** Morning Glory (2010) **7.00** Tomorrow, When the War Began (2010) **9.00** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) **10.50** Double Jeopardy (1999) **12.55** The Craft (1996) **3.00** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV MARCH 4

CHOICE

Tom Burke

Strike – Career of Evil (BBC1, 9pm)

Part two of two. Strike goes in search of a murder suspect in several London's strip clubs, but a furious Wardle warns him not to interfere in police business. Robin's relationship hits an all-time low as she considers whether she wants to go through with getting married, while her mother urges her to consider her priorities. She comes to Matthew's aid when the killer sends him a severed thumb, but recklessly turns to Shanker for help behind Strike's back, urging him to take her to a suspect's home.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Murder, Mystery and My Family. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** MasterChef. (R) **2.15** MasterChef. (R) **3.15** MasterChef. (R) **3.45** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50 Film:** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel.

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. Helen Skelton presents a compilation of items from previous episodes on the theme of water from Kielder Water in Northumberland, and also takes a look at how everyday life is shaped by it.

7.30 Hold the Sunset. Mrs Gale gives herself the task of being an unofficial marriage guidance counsellor to Roger and Wendy, while Edith and Phil seize the chance to get away for the weekend.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Barbara's condition is not improving and she is kept in isolation at the hospital, leaving her friends able to do nothing but wait for more news. Dr Turner and Shelagh assist a man being held in a remand home whose wife is pregnant, while Lucille makes some new friends.

9.00 Strike – Career of Evil. Part two of two. Strike goes in search of a murder suspect in London's strip clubs, and Robin's relationship hits an all-time low, especially when the killer sends Matthew a thumb.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's two Premier League fixtures - Manchester City v Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium and Brighton & Hove Albion v Arsenal at the Amex Stadium. Pep Guardiola's side were looking to extend their lead at the top of the table, and move one step closer to what is looking like a certain title. The Seagulls were hoping to cause an upset against the Gunners, and move away from the relegation places.

11.30 Film: Reign of Fire. (2002) Fantasy adventure, starring Christian Bale.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.50** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.15** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **11.45** Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Cycling. Coverage of day five of the Track World Championships in the Netherlands. **2.45** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships.

6.00 Back in Time for Tea. A family embarks on a time-travelling adventure to discover how a post-war revolution in food transformed the British way of life, sampling meals from 1918 to the present day. (R)

7.00 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. Award-winning architect Piers Taylor and actress and property enthusiast Caroline Quentin explore extraordinary homes built in mountain, forest, coastal and underground locations around the world, meeting the owners and architects brave enough to take the challenges on. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. The motoring show goes Stateside with a trip to California, where Matt LeBlanc and Chris Harris venture into some of the densest forests in the state to put some off-road vehicles through their paces – and maybe see if there is any truth to the local legends of Bigfoot while they are at it. Returning to the studio, the guys are joined by this week's guest comedian Lee Mack, while Chris takes the McLaren 720S for a spin on the test track and Rory Reid invents the new sport of reverse camera racing.

9.00 Life and Death Row: The Mass Execution. A look at capital punishment through the eyes of young people whose lives have been shaped by it, including interviews from those on death row and their families.

10.20 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

10.50 Top Gear: Extra Gear.

11.15 Cleverman.

12.10 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.10** Holby City. (R) **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel's Avengers: Ultron Revolution. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Voice UK. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. (R) **2.00** What Would Your Kid Do? (R) **3.00** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **3.30** Tipping Point. (R) **4.30** ITV News; Weather. **4.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

6.00 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the semi-final of the skating contest. Only four celebrities remain in the running – and only three of them will be going through to next week's grand finale. They must put on a spectacular show to impress judges Christopher Dean, Jayne Torvill, Jason Gardiner and Ashley Banjo, before a final skate-off decides who will be leaving the show.

8.00 Endeavour. Morse investigates an assassination attempt at an international sporting event, but the case is very quickly closed. While Thursday is determined to walk away, Morse delves deeper, getting drawn into a web of intrigue involving espionage, big business and a dark secret in the heart of the Oxford community. Meanwhile, Thursday faces a moral dilemma as he tries to protect a woman from her violent husband.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.15 The Martin Lewis Money Show. The financial journalist presents money-saving tips to help consumers cope with the current economic climate. (R)

11.40 100 Year Old Driving School. Cameras follow some of Britain's oldest drivers as they put themselves through the paces of a mature driving assessment. (R)

12.05 Marcella. (R) **1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Take on the Twisters. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters. (2013) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **4.55 Film:** Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb. (2014) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller.

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Posh Pawn. High-end pawnbroker James heads to Marbella to appraise a 75ft yacht worth £250,000. However, he finds the vessel rather tricky to locate. Plus, an aspiring restaurateur seeks to raise £80,000 by selling his Ferrari Spyder, and a large diamond ring that was handed down through the generations gets James hot under the collar. (R)

8.00 Churchill's Secret Affair. Documentary exploring the secret relationship between the prime minister and a woman he met in the South of France during the 1930s. During an important visit to President Roosevelt at the height of the war, he was reunited with his former lover, now stranded in the US and in possession of a portrait that could have a devastating impact during a dangerous period for the nation.

9.00 Homeland. A revelation leads to distress for Carrie, while Saul negotiates. Keane and Wellington do not see eye to eye over an important matter. Espionage drama, starring Claire Danes, Mandy Patinkin, Linus Roache and Elizabeth Marvel.

10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, as Jon Richardson and Jayde Adams take on Sean Lock and Joe Wilkinson. (R)

11.05 Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack. The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo in a show from his 2014 tour. (R)

12.05 Film: The Haunting. (1999) **2.00** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.30** The Supervet. (R) **3.25** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **4.20** Coast vs Country. (R) **5.10** Superfoods: The Real Story. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Mofy. (R) **6.20** Simon. (R) **6.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.45** Thomas & Friends. (R) **6.55** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **7.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.00** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **10.15** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **10.45** FIA Formula E: Highlights. **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50 Film:** Wyatt Earp. (1994) Western, starring Kevin Costner. **4.25 Film:** The Dirty Dozen. (1967) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin. **5.25** 5 News Update. **5.30 Film:** The Dirty Dozen. (1967) Concluded.

7.20 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents try to recover almost £2,000 owed by the owner of a bridal shop in London, while officers in Kent chase over £4,000 of vet fees after two neighbouring dogs got into a fight. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents in central London try to recover almost £1,900 owed in parking fines, while officers Stewart and Vic chase over £2,200 owed by a scrap yard owner to a shipping company. Finally, Stewart and Vic head to Merseyside to recover over £3,500 owed by a publishing company to an unhappy ex-employee. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 When Award Shows Go Horribly Wrong. Julian Clary narrates a compilation of disastrous moments at awards show, including autocue failures (as well as one act of sabotage courtesy of Michael Barrymore) and wardrobe malfunctions including Madonna's infamous cape disaster. Featuring contributions from the stars who were present, including Samantha Fox's first-hand account of hosting the infamously shambolic 1989 Brit awards.

11.55 Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success. Friends including Ross Noble, Alan Davies, Meera Syal, Morwenna Banks, Jimmy Mulville and Ricky Grover celebrate the former nurse's 30-year career in comedy. (R)

12.55 Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Cowboy Builders. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **9.00** Timeshift: Full Throttle – The Glory Days of British Motorbikes **10.00** From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature **11.00** Conversations – Shirley Williams **12.00** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **1.00** The Mountain That Had to Be Painted **2.00** The Art of France **3.00** From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature **4.00** Close

ITV2

3.05 Film: The Flintstones (1994) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **4.50 Film:** Legally Blonde (2001) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Legally Blonde (2001) **6.45 Film:** Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.50 Film:** Bachelorette (2012) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55 Film:** Bachelorette (2012) **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.35 A Touch of Frost **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.00** Lewis **6.00** The Durrells **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00 Film:** Chocolat (2000) **12.25** Life of Crime **1.25** Blue Murder **2.40** George and Mildred **3.05** Rising Damp **3.55** Road to Avonlea

ITV4

12.45 Live Darts: UK Open. **5.00** Football's Greatest: Thierry Henry **5.05** Pawn Stars **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. **11.00 Film:** The Keeper (2009) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** The Keeper (2009) **12.55** River Monsters **2.00** Tommy Cooper **2.30** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

11.05 Film: Stuart Little 2 (2002) **12.35** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.00** The Goldbergs **1.30** The Big Bang Theory: Superheroes **5.30** Young Sheldon **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30 Film:** Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Gogglebox **12.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.40** Timeless **3.25** Rude Tube **3.50** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Dancing at Lughnasa (1998) **1.00** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) **3.05** Fast Girls (2012) **4.50** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **6.45** The Other Boleyn Girl (2008) **9.00** Fast & Furious 6 (2013) **11.35** The Purge (2013) **1.15** The Principles of Lust (2003) **3.30** Close

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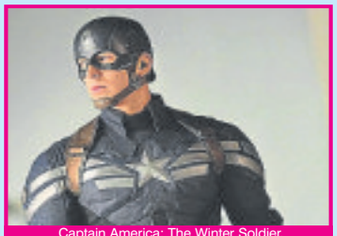
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Forbidden Secrets, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A recently divorced woman returns to her family home to begin rebuilding her life, but her stay turns into a nightmare when she has frightening visions of her troubled childhood, during which her mother tried to drown her. Determined to face her fears, she visits the institution where her parent resides, and inadvertently triggers a series of terrifying events. Thriller, starring Kristy Swanson and David Keeley. (2005)

TUESDAY
Bond of Silence, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman searches for answers after her husband is mysteriously murdered while trying to subdue a wild teenage house party on New Year's Eve. However, as she tries to find out the truth, she faces secrecy at every turn from the party-goers and their parents. Drama, starring Kim Raver, Greg Grunberg and Charlie McDermott. (2010)


Captain America: The Winter Soldier, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
Memento, BBC1, 11.45pm
An insurance investigator suffers from short-term memory loss after an attack in which his wife was also raped and murdered. Unable to remember events for more than a few minutes, he is determined to track down the killer and relies on copious note-taking and reminders tattooed on his body to aid his mission. Christopher Nolan's thriller, starring Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss and Mark Boone Jr. (2000)

THURSDAY
A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery:, Channel 5, 3.20pm
When an amateur sleuth finds a skull hidden in her new home she sets out to discover who the victim was. Whodunit, with Candace Cameron Bure. (2015)

FRIDAY
Captain America: The Winter Soldier, BBC1, 11.05pm
The superhuman soldier battles a mysterious cyborg assassin as he uncovers a sinister conspiracy. Comic-book thriller sequel, starring Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L Jackson, Anthony Mackie and Robert Redford. (2014)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Lee goes from one disaster to the next in returning sitcom

It has survived some significant personnel changes and no end of critical disdain over the years to become the longest running sitcom currently on British television.

The opening episode of Not Going Out's previous series (its eighth) attracted a whopping 5.52 million viewers, a record for the show.

And no TV boss in their right mind would dare to utter the words "this is not going out" with those types of viewing figures.

The sitcom was originally inspired by a sketch in Lee Mack's Bits at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and it was the first British comedy to be filmed in front of a live studio audience that was subsequently broadcast in HD.

The original ideas for the title of the show were Three's a Crowd, Three, and the number of the apartment.

In the pilot, Kate was played by Catherine Tate (Megan Dodds eventually took over), and she had an ex-boyfriend called Colin, who was a city boy, with stubble and a leather jacket.

Then, at the end of season one, Tim Vine's real-life sister Sonya was considered for the role of Lucy, before it eventually went to Sally Bretton.

Meanwhile, Katy Wix, who played the dizzy Daisy from series three, was actually never meant to be a regular.

But despite all these changes (you may also recall Miranda Hart starring too for a couple of series), Mack and Bretton, along with a solid ensemble cast including Bobby Ball, Hugh Dennis, Abigail Cruttenden, Geoffrey Whitehead and Deborah Grant, have continued to make Not Going Out's loyal fans tune in and laugh.

Many critics claimed the show was tired and predictable, but it returned in January 2017 with a different setting, and a new lease of comedy life.

The timeline had jumped ahead seven years and the will-they-won't-they flat-based comedy had morphed into a family sitcom.

King of the one-liner Lee is now married to Lucy and the show follows the mismatched couple as they navigate the challenges of being parents to three young children.

The title works now more than ever, you could say.

Tonight, Not Going Out returns with it's ninth run, and we rejoin Lee and Lucy in the anarchic, packed family house with kids Charlie and twin siblings, Benji and Molly.

As if children weren't enough to keep the couple crashing from one near-disaster to the next, factor in Lee's lovably feckless father, Frank, and close friends in the form of the world-weary, or more specifically wife-weary, Toby, and his other half, uptight ice-queen Anna.

At least Lucy's more dependable parents are on hand to offer guidance, but we all know what Geoffrey and Wendy make of their daughter's life choices, and more specifically, her wisecracking husband.

Not Going Out, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

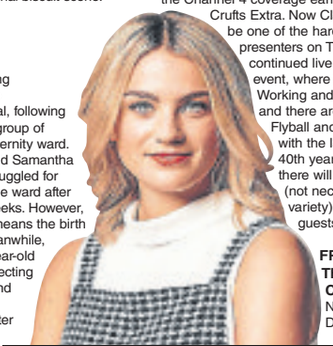
BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Collateral
BBC2, 9pm
The police use the video footage Fatima provided to arrest Mehmet and Bhuran, while Nathan tips off Sam Spence about the arrests. In Westminster, Mars finally faces party leader Deborah Clifford and is given a final chance to toe the line, but his main focus is on his private life. Back at the station, Jack Haley harangues Kip for offering Fatima residency, something she is unable to guarantee. Conclusion of David Hare's crime thriller, starring Carey Mulligan and John Simm. Last in the series.

TUESDAY
The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
Channel 4, 8pm
If you needed any further proof that The Great British Bake Off is still in rude health following its move to Channel 4, then just look at the stars who have signed up for this five-part run of celebrity specials. Future episodes will see the likes of Alan Carr, Lee Mack and former Desperate Housewife Teri Hatcher attempting to bake up a storm in the name of Stand Up to Cancer. However, the first batch of famous faces to grab their mixing bowls are Spandau Ballet's Martin Kemp, actor and writer Roisin Conaty, veteran broadcaster Bill Turnbull and comedian Harry Hill. Their first challenge is a bake sale classic - cupcakes. But then the competition intensifies with a fiery technical, followed by a demanding showstopper that involves recreating the best day of their lives as a three-dimensional biscuit scene.

WEDNESDAY
One Born Every Minute
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. The award-winning documentary series moves to Birmingham Women's Hospital, following the highs and lows of a new group of soon-to-be parents in the maternity ward. In the first episode, 25-year-old Samantha and her partner Tony, who struggled for years to conceive, return to the ward after losing their first child at 25 weeks. However, Samantha's medical history means the birth is not without challenges. Meanwhile, 33-year-old Sharon and 44-year-old Rav come to the hospital expecting their second child together, and Rhiana and her partner Lee hope for another textbook water birth for the arrival of their second son.

THURSDAY
Crufts 2018
Channel 4, 8pm
The world's biggest canine competition got under way today – Clare Balding and Alan Carr kicked off the Channel 4 coverage earlier this afternoon on Crufts Extra. Now Clare, who must surely be one of the hardest-working presenters on TV, is back with continued live coverage of the event, where judging includes the Working and Pastoral groups, and there are highlights of the Flyball and Agility competitions, with the latter celebrating its 40th year at the contest. Plus, there will also be dog stories (not necessarily of the shaggy variety) and chats with the guests.


The Gadget Show, Friday, Channel 5, 7pm

FRIDAY
The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 7pm
New series. Ortis Deley and Georgie Barrat travel to Nevada to visit the world's biggest consumer electronics show in Las Vegas. The events boasts upgraded drones, upgraded VR headsets, upgraded televisions and a stream of new robots to help around the house. Meanwhile, Jon Bentley joins Craig Charles in a 'versus' challenge to see if cutting-edge tech can put them on a par with professional decorators. Jon and Craig have access to the finest aids that tech has to offer, while the professionals have to rely on experience, skill and traditional tools.

Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8.30pm
New series. The imminent arrival of spring heralds a new gardening year at Longmeadow, as Monty Don reveals his new plans for the year and takes stock of any winter damage. As well as offering seasonal hints and tips, the presenter embarks on a mission to reduce the use of plastic in his garden, starting by exploring alternative containers to use for seed sowing. Adam Frost brings his design expertise to a tiny back yard to demonstrate that, with a bit of ingenuity, every inch of space can count. A Wolverhampton couple show off their inspirational garden, packed to bursting with surprises. Includes a weather forecast for gardeners.

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Codeword

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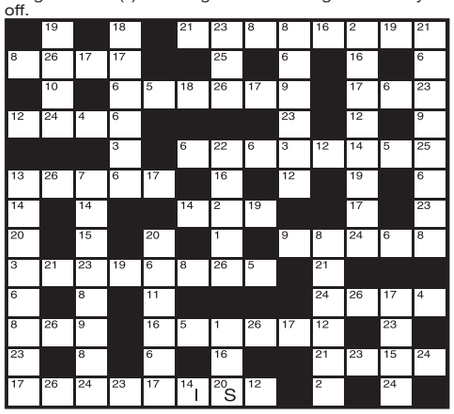

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 T	2 U	3 A	4 J	5 Y	6 L	7 G	8 B	9 V	10 P	11 N	12 X	13 C
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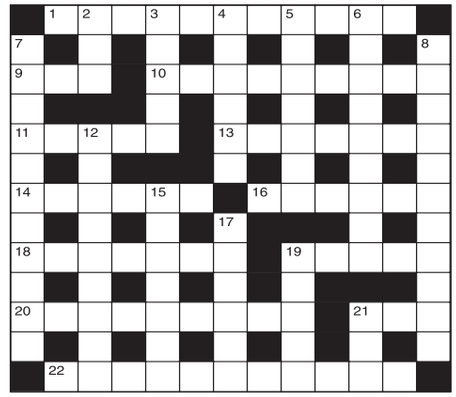
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They should show some interest at the way clerics are dressed (11)
9. What the gravestone reveals will produce a tear (3)
10. Cutting an earth defence needs an industrious worker (9)
11. He's one of a panel in any case (5)
13. He's unlikely to be in a class of his own (7)
14. One going in the vessel for a trip (6)
16. Sheep doctor going round old Ireland (6)
18. Asian country surrounding an American state (7)
19. Part of the reason I contrive a kind of boom (5)
20. Fractionally, it's on top (9)
21. The water regulator needs a light touch (3)
22. White cat is only an ounce! (4,7)

Down

2. A rest in the afternoon, apparently (3)
3. One who finds things of consuming interest (5)
4. You'll find me involved with this as a doctrine (6)
5. Omit what was once indicated in a crossword, one hears! (7)
6. Somehow get in RADA as a serious actor (9)
7. Outstanding pieces for cinemagoers (11)
8. This may well detect a change of heart (11)
12. Golfer who makes regular deliveries! (9)
15. Bird pole with line underneath (7)
17. Action that changes the tablet (6)
19. Remove the covering from a lath (5)
21. Sailor found lying on the road (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Concealment (11)
9. Sheep (3)
10. Warranty (9)
11. Foe (5)
13. Cost (7)
14. Accompany (6)
16. Bury (6)
18. Momentum (7)
19. Teacher (5)
20. Worldwide (9)
21. Choose (3)
22. Unceasingly (11)

Down

2. Employ (3)
3. Dwarf (5)
4. Effaced (6)
5. Whet (7)
6. Thorough (3-3-3)
7. Harmful (11)
8. Resound (11)
12. Exclusion (9)
15. Alleviate (7)
17. Against (6)
19. Claw (5)
21. Lubricate (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Miss; 3 Handicap; 9 Relates; 10 Amber; 11 Green fingers; 13 Labial; 15 Statue; 17 Maiden voyage; 20 Limbo; 21 Restive; 22 Tendered; 23 Left. Down: 1 Marigold; 2 Solve; 4 Assail; 5 Draught horse; 6 Cabaret; 7 Port; 8 Standard rose; 12 Reverent; 14 Boatman; 16 Entree; 18 Aside; 19 Flat.
QUICK - Across: 1 Envy; 3 Friction; 9 Fungoid; 10 Upset; 11 Complication; 13 Climbs; 15 Writhe; 17 Appreciation; 20 About; 21 Untwine; 22 Steadily; 23 Dyes. Down: 1 Efficacy; 2 Venom; 4 Reduce; 5 Counterparts; 6 In short; 7 Note; 8 Collaborated; 12 Keenness; 14 Improve; 16 Actual; 18 Icily; 19 Pass.

Quiz

1. Which London boxer died after a title fight in 1994?
2. Which coin was first minted in Florence in 1252?
3. What is the official residence of the presidents of France?
4. Of what is copra the dried kernel?
5. Who, as minister of health, inaugurated the NHS?
6. At which racetrack were Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger killed?
7. Which club overthrew the Girondists in the French Revolution?
8. What do we call the large wild cat Acinonyx jubatus?
9. How is Jerusalem's Western Wall also known?
10. Which order of knighthood's motto is Honi soit qui mal y pense?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Evita Peron; 2 Thrush; 3 The Rockies and the Appalachians; 4 78; 5 Oklahoma; 6 Kew Gardens; 7 Babylonian; 8 Gannet; 9 Agronomy; 10 USA.

Niner: NIGHTMARE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

465378 gives a Russian leader,
12678 gives a second Russian leader,
3295 gives a Russian river.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Well-presented four-bedroomed self-build home

A superb self-build four-bedroomed family home, 14, Station Street, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall, is immaculately presented.

It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners estate agents at £250,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a porch and entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom/WC, two reception rooms (a lounge and a dining room) and a recently fitted Oak Shaker-style kitchen together with a utility room and an integral garage, four double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

To the front there is ample parking for at least three vehicles whilst the rear garden is low maintenance with a variety of established borders. There is also a summer house and brick-built shed.

A DB Roberts & Partners spokesman said: "The current vendors have enjoyed many years in this beautiful home and have been affiliated with the land it sits on for even longer. Over the years they have carefully maintained the property to leave this immaculately-presented home. Viewing is essential to appreciate the space and versatility."

In more detail there is ample gated driveway parking to the front leading to the integral garage. The lounge has an attractive feature fireplace.

The kitchen has modern light-wood-effect units with contrasting black marble-effect working surfaces and wood-effect flooring, plus attractive red-coloured splash-back tiling. The dining room also has wood-effect flooring, as does the conservatory and utility area.

The bathroom has a modern white suite including a corner bath and chrome fittings, plus a separate shower cubicle and grey splash-back tiling and ceramic floor tiling. The rear garden is attractively paved for ease of maintenance.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this property.

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- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain
- EPC = C

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• Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory
• Driveway Parking & Garage • EPC = C

Knighton Road Cannock

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• Rear Garden • Garage & Driveway
• No Upward Chain • EPC = D

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• Extended Semi Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
• Garage • EPC = D

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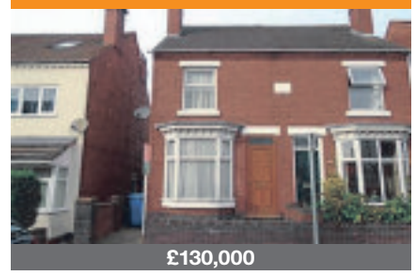

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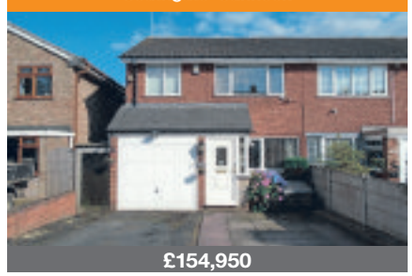
• Semi Detached House • Three Bedrooms
• Kitchen Diner & Lounge • Rear Garden
• Garage & Parking Space • EPC = C

Station Street Cheslyn Hay

- Immaculately Presented Family Home
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Integral Garage
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- EPC = D

£250,000

Southgate Cannock



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• Semi Detached house • Three Bedrooms
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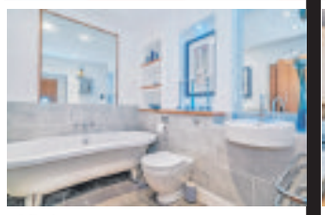


- Modern Town House
- Rural Location
- Guests WC
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bed 1 - En-Suite
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Under-Floor Heating
- Det.Garage

£230,000

NEW

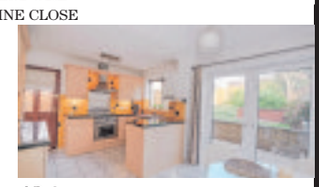
HEDNESFORD
MEADWAY CLOSE

- Executive Home
- Show Home Standard
- Hallway, Guests WC
- Lounge with Inglenook
- Kitchen/Dining
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Dressing Room, En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£350,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BEECHPINE CLOSE



- Modern Semi Detached
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- G.C.H. D.Glazed
- NO CHAIN

£175,000

CHESLYN HAY
ROBINS CLOSE

- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory Kitchen
- Utility Room Guest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Ensuite To Master
- Private Driveway

£325,000

NEW

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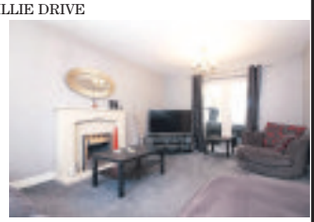
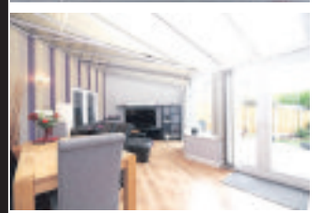
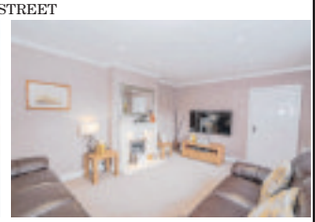
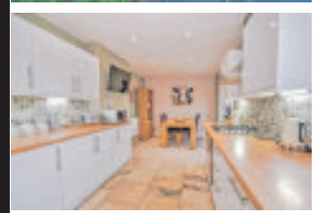
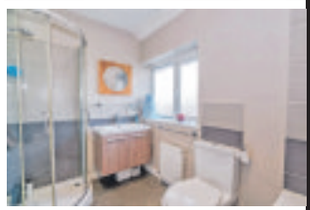



- Modern Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Study/Playroom
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage

£245,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
HIGH STREET

- Spacious Semi
- Refurbished Throughout
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, Guests WC
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£190,000

NEW

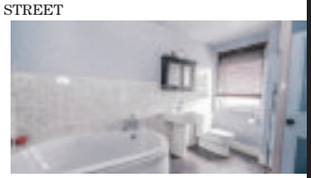
HEATH HAYES
FREMANTLE DRIVE

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- Rear Garden

£190,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET



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- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommend

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- Driveway
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- Modern fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Off road parking, gargae
- Town centre location
- Rear Garden
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- Family bathroom
- Garage, gardens, driveway
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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

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- Bathroom
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- Driveway
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- Guest cloakroom, utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
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£230,000 Offers Over

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

- A traditional 3 bedroom property
- Entrance hallway/study area
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Utility, Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Refittted family bathroom
- Garden to rear off road parking
- EPC rating E

£260,000

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£129,950

HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE

- A four bedroom semi detaced house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway
- EPC rating E

£172,000

CHESLYN HAY
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PROPERTY

Three-bedroom semi-detached in popular area

This charming three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Rectory Gardens, Armitage, is for sale through C Residential at £179,995.

ARMITAGE
£179,995

The front door opens to the lounge with a feature log burner effect gas fire and a window to the front.

The dining room has French doors opening to the conservatory, the kitchen has a range of matching base and wall units with an inset ceramic sink unit and drainer with mixer tap and courtesy spotlights over and integrated appliances of a four-ring gas hob and New World grill and oven with extractor hood.

A concealed staircase from the dining area leads up to the first floor landing with a storage cupboard.

Bedroom one has a built-in double wardrobe, as does bedroom two and there is a further bedroom and a bathroom.

Outside is a fore garden, driveway, single garage and rear garden including a gravelled patio area with stepping stones, a circular stoned feature with stones surrounding and further steps down to a shed.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in this sale. Call 01889 583377 for full details.

Charming property has spacious accommodation

This charming five-bedroomed semi-detached house in Elizabeth Road, Cannock, has spacious accommodation over three floors.

CANNOCK
£210,000

It is for sale through Chase Independent Estate Agents at offers over £210,000.

It has a reception hallway with stairs off, a cloakroom/WC off and a storage cupboard.

The modern kitchen/diner has a range of modern white base and wall-mounted units with preparation work surfaces over, complementary splash-backs, incorporating a gas hob, extractor fan, electric oven, space for a fridge freezer, plumbing for a washing machine and vinyl flooring.

The lounge has French doors to the rear garden. Off the first floor is bedroom one en-suite, bedroom two and a family bathroom. On the second floor are three bedrooms and a shower room.

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NEW

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The Shrubbery, Brereton — £230,000 OIEO

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Guest Cloakroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several

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Durham Drive, Rugeley — £259,950

MUST BE VIEWED

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Lion Street, Rugeley — £275,000

MUST BE VIEWED

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NEW

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NEW

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NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached property in a popular cul-de-sac location close local amenities. Having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN the property does require some modernisation and features gas central heating and double glazing, lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage with gardens...

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NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached three storey property in a popular location and built by Walton Homes. Internally the interesting layout includes four good size bedrooms, main bathroom and two en suites, refitted kitchen, lounge and garage with well presented frontage and rear garden, viewing highly recommended

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom mid terraced town house. Having gone through a total makeover and having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Refitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking to front and Gardens front and rear.

The Lindens, Rugeley — £185,000 OIEO

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom,three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

Setterfield Way, Brereton — £102,000

NO CHAIN

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking

Davey Place, Rugeley — £114,950

STAR BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest W.C and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.

Blakeley Close, Rugeley — £134,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom terraced home, ideal for FIRST TIME BUYERS OR INVESTORS. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and allocated parking in separate car park.

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- Immaculate decor throughout
- Off road parking & garage

4 | 2 | C

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- Substantial corner plot
- Three reception rooms
- Superb conservatory

3 | 1 | E

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- Generous Living Space
- Double Garage
- No Upward Chain

5 | 1 | D

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- Well appointed kitchen
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3 | 1

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- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Three reception rooms
- Ample off-road parking

4 | 2 | D

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BURNTWOOD, GARRICK RISE

- Detached family residence
- Through lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location

4 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £250,000

CHASE TERRACE, MORLEY ROAD

- Spacious dormer bungalow
- Prime residential location
- Open plan breakfast / diner
- Ample off road parking

4 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £200,000

BURNTWOOD, LAMBERT DRIVE

- Link detached bungalow
- Popular residential location
- Spacious lounge
- Driveway & garage

2 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £180,000

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- Semi-detached residence
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Through lounge, conservatory
- Utility area off lobby

3 | 1 | C

Burntwood Office - £128,000

BURNTWOOD, UDEN HOUSE

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- Immaculate interiors
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Allocated parking space

2 | 1 | B

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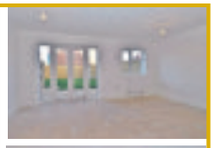

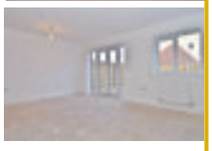

ARMITAGE ROAD, RUGELEY

C residential are pleased to be selling the last 2 brand new shared ownership properties built by Hawkes Builders and are scheduled for completion end of February 2018. Shares are available from 40% up to 75% dependent upon the buyers circumstances. Special conditions for ownership apply. EPC rating B

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£82,798

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£82,500

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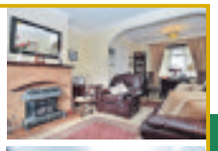

BROOKE ROAD, HEDNESFORD

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£145,000

LODGE ROAD
BRERETON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this family home positioned on the popular Five Oaks estate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. First Floor landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£155,000

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RUGELEY

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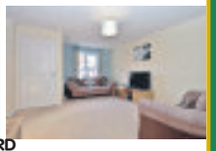
£168,950



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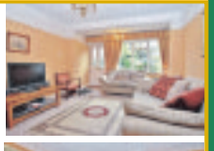
£177,500

GREENFIELDS DRIVE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed link-detached family home in popular location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE. Ample off-road parking with enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating C

£180,000



RECTORY GARDENS, ARMITAGE

A well presented semi-detached property in a village location benefitting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Lounge, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front, INTEGRAL GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating E

£179,995

SHERINGHAM DRIVE, ETCHINGHILL

A well presented three bedroomed detached property benefitting from NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hall, Dining Kitchen, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to front and enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating D

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COLEY LANE
LITTLE HAYWOOD

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MAIN ROAD, GREAT HAYWOOD

AVAILABLE ON THE GOVERNMENT HELP TO BUY SCHEME and offered for immediate occupation is the last remaining plot on this popular development by Miller Homes. Located in the picturesque village of Great Haywood and offering excellent commuter links. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Dining Room. First Floor

£215,000

INGATHORPE ROAD, HAWKSYARD

A well presented three-storey, four bedroomed semi-detached. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom with En-suite. Gardens to front and rear. Single Garage. EPC rating B

£225,000

COLEY GROVE
LITTLE HAYWOOD

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this three bedroomed dormer bungalow located in the popular village of Little Haywood. UPVC double-glazed and Oil Fired central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bedroom and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms. Gardens to front and rear with Driveway and Garage to side. EPC rating F

£239,995

OAKENHURST, HAWKSYARD

UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing with Lounge, Study/Dressing Room, Master Bedroom and Ensuite. Second Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE. Gardens to front, side and rear. EPC rating C

£272,000

ST MATTHEWS CLOSE
RAWNSLEY

Positioned on a quiet corner plot is this detached family home. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front, side and rear. Driveway to front. EPC rating C

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BUCKMASTER WAY, RUGELEY

UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Open plan Kitchen/Dining Area and Family Room. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms with Master having an Ensuite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with gardens to front, side and rear. EPC rating B

£310,000

LITTLE TIXALL LANE, GREAT HAYWOOD

Having undergone a programme of refurbishment the property must be viewed to truly appreciate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Open plan Living Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Three Double Bedrooms one having an En-Suite Bathroom and Family Bathroom. Extensive parking to front. Gardens to front rear. EPC rating D

£320,000

CHASELEY ROAD
ETCHINGHILL

Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Utility Room. First Floor Landing. Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room. Garage with Driveway offering off road parking for several vehicles. Large Garden of approximately 3/4 of an acre (un measured) with views over Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty. EPC Rating - E

£399,950

CHURCH LANE, ETCHINGHILL

Greenacres is a traditional detached bungalow set in gardens of approximately a 1/3 acre offering ample parking and privacy. Enclosed Porch, Reception Dining Hall, Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate WC. SINGLE GARAGE with ample parking. Private established gardens to rear. EPC rating D

£399,995

BRERETON LODGE, BRERETON

Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Garden Room, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms with master having an En-Suite and a Family Bathroom. Extensive parking with DOUBLE DETACHED GARAGE and CARPORT. Large landscaped gardens. EPC rating C

£440,000

KINGSLEY WOOD ROAD
RUGELEY

This superb versatile, individually built, detached property comprises of an Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen. Conservatory, Two Bedrooms one having an En-Suite and a Shower Room. To the first floor is a Study/Loft Room with WC. Driveway to front providing ample off-road parking. Swimming Pool complex in well established gardens. EPC rating F

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20 SPRING MEADOW, CHESLYN HAY

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED AND MAINTANED FOUR BEDROOMED FAMILY HOME
Occupying Large Plot With Extensive Parking In Sought After Cul-De-Sac

- Central hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge & dining room
- Open plan family room/dining kitchen
- Utility room
- Central galleried landing
- Refitted ensuite shower room & reitted family bathoom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Detached double width garage & extensive off road parking
- Landscaped gardens
- EPC rating tbc

£445,000 FREEHOLD

6 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge and fitted kitchen area
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPCrating B (83)

£129,950

11 SUSSEX DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (60)

£145,000

BROOK LODGE, SCHOOL LANE, DUNSTON

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

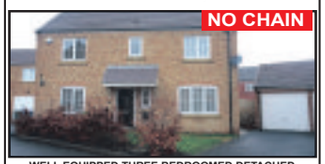
INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN THIS POPULAR RURAL HAMLET WITH WELL STOCKED PRIVATE GARDENS Conveniently Located For Access To Facilities At Stafford And Penkridge And A449, A5 And M6 Toll And M54 Motorway

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double width garage and in and out drive
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£415,000 FREEHOLD

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

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15 CLARION WAY, WEST CHADSMOOR

TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Corner plot gardens
- EPC rating C (69)

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22 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Studio/utility/office
- Well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (53)

£189,950 FREEHOLD

65 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING LARGER GARDENS APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF AN ACRE Adjoining School Grounds To Rear And Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Central reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Four bedrooms
- Shower room and separate toilet
- Garden stores
- Garage and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating TBC

£465,000 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

8 HANNAFORD WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLATLocated In Popular Position For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Entrance lobby & landing
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower
- Separate toilet
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (70)

£96,950

16 WINDSOR ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE In Sought After Location

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- L shaped lounge/dining room
- Breakfat kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (61)

£149,950

33 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Adjoining Open Space/Nature Reserve with Facilities Available at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

33 TRURO PLACE, HEATH HAYES

A SUPERB CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Occupying Corner Plot In Sought After Residential Area

- Recessed porch & entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage & landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (61)

£299,950 FREEHOLD

8A LITTLEWOOD ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED AND FITTED TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION
Located In A Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating B (82)

£219,950 FREEHOLD

30 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Loft room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking & gardens
- EPC rating E (53)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

PLOT 2, 198 HEDNESFORD ROAD, NORTON CANES

ONE OF TWO WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCES
Well Located For Facilities Within This Popular Village

- Reception/study
- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage & gardens
- Intruder alarm & 10 year warranty
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (83)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

262 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUS located In Popular Residential Area of the Town Convenient for Facilities Locally at Bideford Way

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£189,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£139,950

49 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In popular Position Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (58)

£139,950 LEASEHOLD

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage and landscaped garden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating B (83)

£319,950 FREEHOLD

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OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road

£430,000

SHERBROOK ROAD, CANNOCK

- CORNER PLOT GARDENS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DOUBLE LENGTH GARAGE
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
- POTENITAL FOR EXTENSIONS
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- HUGE POTENTIAL

£315,000

Burgoyne Street, Cannock

- SPACIOUS FOUR BED DETACHED
- BATHROOM & TWO EN-SUITES
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN & CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- ENCLOSED DRIVEWAY & GARDEN

£265,000

Turquoise Grove, Heath Hayes

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION
- GARAGE
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDEN
- CONSERVATORY
- MODERN KITCHEN

£255,000

VIVALDI DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- WELL PRESENTED DETACHED HOME
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- EN-SUITE & BATHROOM
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE & CONSERVATORY
- EPC - C

£240,000

STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- IMMACULATE SEMI DETACHED
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- LARGE DETACHED GARAGE AT REAR
- LARGE REAR GARDEN
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- CLOSE TO CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE
- EN-SUITE OFF THE MASTER
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£165,000

WALLACE CLOSE, NORTON CANES

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£165,000

FREMANTLE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

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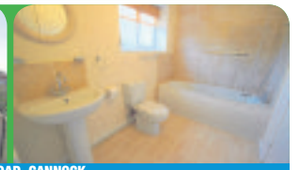

REDHILL ROAD, CANNOCK

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
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- MODERN KITCHEN & BATHROOM
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
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- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
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- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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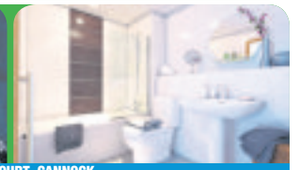

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The new Ford Edge is making its European debut with a sporty new trim level, a raft of driver assistance systems and a meaty new powertrain.

One of the major highlights of the American firm's updated SUV is the new 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel engine, offered for the first time on this continent. Making 235bhp, the unit uses one smaller and one larger turbocharger that work together at lower engine speeds to improve responsiveness, while the larger turbo works alone at higher engine speeds to boost power.

The engine is mated to a new eight-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel drive, and meets the latest Euro 6 emissions standards.

Two other power outputs are available for the 2.0-litre diesel in the form of a 187bhp version mated to the six-speed manual gearbox and all-wheel-drive system, and a 148bhp option that uses the eight-speed automatic and front-wheel drive.

The new Edge is also packed full of camera and sensor-based driver assistance technologies designed to help motorists avoid crashes or at least mitigate them.

The new SUV will feature post-collision braking, evasive steering assist and adaptive cruise control for the first time in Europe.

Also new is the ST-Line trim, which

Aesthetic changes across the new Edge range include a wider grille

was introduced by Ford last year across its range to offer buyers cars that look sporty but don't have the high-performance engines found on the full ST models. Here on the Edge, it gets new-look front and rear bumpers, a wide mesh grille, colour-coded body panels and 20-inch alloy wheels as standard.

Aesthetic changes across the new Edge range include a wider grille with a unique mesh design for each trim level, LED headlamps and rear lights as standard, and a redesigned bonnet.

Roelant de Waard, vice-president of marketing, sales and service at Ford of Europe, said: "Helping customers effortlessly deal with stop-start traffic using our most advanced driver assistance technologies to date, and letting them cruise in comfort supported by our refined and fuel-efficient new 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel engine and eight-speed automatic gearbox, the new Ford Edge is our most compelling offering yet for the ever-growing numbers of European customers migrating towards SUVs."

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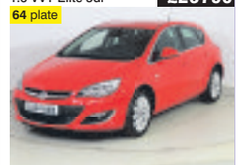

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Volvo's bold corporate grille dominates the front

New XC40 SUV is breath of fresh air

By Tom Wiltshire

The XC40 is Volvo's new compact SUV – and note that the company calls it an SUV, and not a crossover. With high ground clearance, four-wheel drive available and "the proportions of an SUV", this is less of a jacked-up hatchback and more of a scaled-down XC60.

The new baby of the Volvo range is also the brand's first entrant into this massively popular sector, and with its fashion-led design it aims straight at the heart of the territory the Range Rover Evoque has occupied so well.

We had the opportunity to sample both T5 petrol and D4 diesel models, both mated to eight-speed automatic gearboxes. The 2.0-litre petrol, though smooth and powerful, is noisy when pressed, and with high fuel consumption it's unlikely to be a big seller.

Instead, Volvo expects the bulk of sales to come from diesel models. Though grumbly at low speeds, the diesel engine soon quiets down at a cruise, and with 187bhp on tap it has more than enough shove for cutthroat city driving or long motorway journeys.

Initially, these will be the only two engines available, though later in 2018 Volvo will launch lower-powered engines – a 148bhp D3 diesel and 154bhp and 187bhp T3 and T3 petrols. All but T3 and D3 engines are offered with standard all-wheel drive and eight-speed autos – lower powered engines get front-wheel drive and six-speed manual gearboxes.

Volvo's bold corporate grille dominates the front, flanked by eye-catching 'Thors Hammer' LED daytime running lights. Standard LED headlights ensure even base-spec Momentum cars look premium.

The Volvo's interior is a genuinely lovely place to be, with great-quality materials and superbly comfortable seats even on base-spec cars. The centre console is arranged around Volvo's nine-inch touchscreen infotainment system. It's slick and works well. The company's main goal for the XC40's interior was to carve out storage spaces wherever possible – and it's achieved it. There's even a superbly engineered 'curry hook', which folds down from the glovebox.

The clever touches continue in the boot, with a multifunctional false floor that can hide the parcel shelf, hang up bags and keep shopping from rolling around all at the same time. The boot itself is decently large at 460 litres, while six-footers will be able to sit comfortably in the rear.

Equipment levels are impressive. All cars come with LED headlights, navigation and a 12.3-inch digital dial display. Three trim levels will be on offer in the UK – base-spec Momentum, sporty R-Design and flagship Inscription.

The XC40 is a breath of fresh air in a sector that's becoming bloated. It's neat exterior and wonderful interior are sure to earn it admiring glances, and it's every bit as impressive on the road as its main rivals. Generous standard equipment and a predicted class-leading residual value is great too.

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Kia Niro EV is leading firm's electric car charge

Inside the so far concept car, is this futuristic cabin

By James Baggott

Kia has unveiled an electric Niro SUV and promises it'll have a range of 238 miles when it arrives early in 2019.

Currently dubbed a "concept", the car showcases the brand's new electric vehicle technology and spearheads a charge by the Korean manufacturer to bring a whole range of electrified cars to the roads.

At the CES Show in Las Vegas, Kia said it will offer 16 electrified vehicles – including hybrids, EV and fuel cell EVs – by 2025.

An executive also let slip that the refreshed Sportage, due to arrive in the summer, will be the first to offer a hybrid option.

Although billed as a concept, the Niro EV will be launched to the press later this year and go on sale in early 2019. It is fitted with a 201bhp electric powertrain with power coming from a 64kWh lithium-polymer battery pack.

The range of 238 miles could also be extended to 300 miles, hinted execs. The new Nissan Leaf, by comparison, has a range of 235 miles.

The Niro show car is fitted with an Active Pedestrian Warning System which alerts drivers to pedestrians or cyclists crossing in front of the car.

While the looks on the outside are a departure from

Looks are a departure from the existing Niro

the existing Niro, much is likely to make it across to the production car. Inside, though, some of the clever tech might not get the green light.

A Human Machine Interface for the infotainment and heating lets drivers control it by swiping a touchpad area on the steering wheel, while the car can understand voice recognition and, if it does not identify the driver, can shut down key functions.

Kia executives also hinted at a new longer-range electric Soul arriving soon, and said the next Cee'd – due in the summer – will have hybrid and electric options, as will the baby Stonic too.

A spokesman for Kia UK said: "Kia is aiming to be a leader in electric vehicle technology and will have 16 electrified models in the range by 2025, many of which will be arriving very soon indeed."

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The results, collated by car insurance firm 1st Central, also found that one-fifth of the 2,000 drivers polled had either hit their own car or pranged another vehicle when trying to park.

Another five per cent claimed to have given up entirely at some point and driven away rather than complete the parking manoeuvre.

Andy James, UK chief executive at 1st Central, said: "Parking can cause drivers to become flustered behind the wheel, especially on busy roads or at peak times in car parks. Nobody enjoys seeing a queue of people form behind them while trying to manoeuvre into a tight spot.

"However, it is important to remember not to rush your reverse or panic during your parallel. Take it slowly and don't get distracted by those around you to avoid having an unnecessary accident."

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Skoda reveals facelifted Fabia ahead of its debut at Geneva

Skoda has revealed an updated version of its Fabia ahead of its public debut at this year's Geneva Motor Show.

The refreshed third-generation hatchback, the original version of which was released in 2014, sees small changes to the design and more technology as standard.

Little has changed from the overall design of the car, but there's a resculpted front fascia with new LED headlights to bring it in-line with the rest of Skoda's range, while LED rear lights and new 18-inch alloy wheels are also on offer.

Inside, there's a restyled instrument cluster, with new dashboard trim and two-tone upholstery now available on the options list.

As for technology, the Fabia now receives more safety gear, including blind spot detection, a rear traffic warning system and automatic high-beam for the new headlights. There's also a new 6.5-inch infotainment display that supports Bluetooth devices, as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Skoda also says it has added more 'Simply Clever' features, such as an ice scraper tucked in the fuel filler cap that also doubles as a measurement tool for tyre depth. A double-sided boot mat is also on offer, while estate versions also feature a portable LED flashlight.

Four engines will be available for the updated hatchback, all three-cylinder 1.0-litre options – two naturally aspirated and two turbocharged.

The refreshed third-generation hatchback

Full details have yet to be revealed, but Skoda has already confirmed the naturally-aspirated options will produce 59bhp and 74bhp respectively, while turbocharged units will develop 94bhp and 108bhp.

The facelifted Skoda Fabia will make its public debut at the 2018 Geneva Motor Show, which takes place from March 8 to 16.

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Question of sport for Albion and Glassboys

LEGENDS from West Bromwich Albion and Stourbridge FC will go head-to-head in a Question of Sport evening to raise money for a local charity.

The likes of Darren "Big Dave" Moore and Glassboys boss Gary Hackett will face off in a charity version of the TV sports quiz with all money raised for the Mary Stevens Hospice. It takes place on Thursday April 5 in the clubhouse at Stourbridge FC's War Memorial Athletic Ground.

Alongside Moore, Team WBA will comprise Ian Hamilton, James Chambers, Mark Naylor and an as yet unnamed fifth player, while Team Stourbridge will feature Andy Pountney, Jon Ford, Matt Webb and Craig Slater alongside Hackett.

Organisers have also told supporters to expect "a couple of guests" and "rolling subs", as the players will also be taking time out to chat with fans on the night.

Tickets are £8 including a fish & chip supper. To book, visit Marystevenshospice.co.uk/event/charity-question-sport or call 01384 377 778.

Legends on the ball for fundraising clash

ALBION heroes will take on a Glassboys Old Boys XI for the Jane Webb Memorial Trophy – with charity set to be the big winner on the day.

The game, on April 8, will be the third annual legends match between the two sides in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice. It kicks off at the War Memorial Athletic Ground at 2.30pm. The first game ended in a 1-1 draw, while Baggies were victorious last year with a 6-4 scoreline.

Last year's gate surpassed 3,000, a sell-out for Stourbridge FC. The games have helped to raise more than £40,000 for the hospice over the last two years

The Jane Webb Memorial Trophy is named in honour of a hospice supporter who was the inspiration for the game.

Fundraisers at the hospice collaborate on the event each year with original organisers Matt Webb, a former Glassboys player and Mark Naylor, elite development goalkeeping coach at West Bromwich Albion.

Admission is £10, or free for under-15s.

Rhino has sights on powering to victory

RYAN Stewart Davies has promised something special when he fights at Walsall Town Hall this weekend. Davies, aged 25, is on the bill at BCB Promotions' 'The Class of 2018' on Saturday.

'Rhino' has been focusing on increasing his firepower and said he was looking to land a bomb on opponent Myles Vale. He said: "I have been working hard on my strength and power for this one. People come to boxing to see a knockout and I want to be able to do that here."

'The Class of 2018' sees Walsall super welterweight Levi Ferguson, Wolverhampton welterweight Gareth Gardner and Wolverhampton-based Pole Damian Kiwior, welterweight, all fight for the first time. They are joined by Walsall bantamweight Humza Ali, Kingswinford super welterweight Danny Ball and Wolverhampton cruiserweight Antony Woolery.

Tickets are £35 general admission (£40 on the door) and £60 (VIP Ringside to include buffet and waitress service). Call 0845 111 2900 or see https://iboxingtickets.com/

Barrie Richards – leaving Danescourt after 42 years

Lovely – Rachael Heyhoe Flint

One man went to mow – and stayed for 42 years

AFTER 42 years of preparing Wolverhampton's pitch for some of the most famous names in cricket, Barrie Richards' innings is over.

The Danescourt Road groundsman has seen stars such as Vikram Solanki, Moeen Ali, Wasim Jaffer and Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint all shine at the crease he has lovingly tendered for four decades.

Now the 65-year-old is set to embark on a new chapter after confirming his retirement. And he leaves with a secret. He isn't even a fan of cricket!

"I'm like the Wolves fan that is forced to go and watch the Albion every week!" Barrie joked.

"Growing up, I played rugby for Newport in Shropshire. I also played football. Cricket just wasn't a game that thrilled me. I just couldn't get excited by it.

"But from the moment I started studying grass and green keeping at college I wanted to be a groundsman.

"Being outside is in my blood. My dad was a farmer on Lord Bradford's estate at Weston Park and I would often help him. And then I got the opportunity to work at Tipton Sports Club where I was tutored by head groundsman Bert Flack.

Perfect

"Then I heard about the opportunity at Wolverhampton Cricket Club and thought it would be perfect for me and my family."

Barrie recalls heading for his interview at Danescourt on a bus with his son Andy in tow in a carrycot.

"A member called Mollie Mackelworth came and picked us up," he said. "Then another member felt sorry for us so he gave us a lift back.

"But as soon as I arrived for the interview I knew the job would be perfect for me. There was a little bungalow down the road and they said that came with the position. My wife and I were wanting another child so it seemed ideal.

"The local schools were good. It was semi-countrified for the children. They could play by the pool and come home and put up tents. They had everything they needed." Barrie and his wife Ann welcomed two daughters while living in the bungalow.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

"I may not be the biggest cricket fan but the one thing I'm really going to miss is the camaraderie with the players."

And he quickly struck up a rapport with a number of high-profile players.

"I may not be the biggest cricket fan but the one thing I'm really going to miss is the camaraderie with the players," he said.

"Some very special people have passed through this cricket club over the years.

"Rachael Heyhoe Flint was one of the most lovely ladies you could ever meet. You could always have a laugh and a joke with her. She had a great sense of humour.

"Vikram Solanki is a good friend. Whenever he comes to the ground we always have a chat. I get on really well with Vikram.

"But they have all been great. I have not had any argument with any of them. Of course, they always praise the pitch when they have won. Then blame the pitch when they have lost! But you soon get used to that. But it was always a laugh coming in and having a beer with the players after a game."

A multiple winner of groundsman of the year, Barrie has some of the steadiest hands in the Birmingham League.

And he says hard work is the secret to keeping a pitch so immaculate for so long.

"It's a devotion not a job," he said. "At times it feels like you are working 24 hours a day, seven days week.

"When you have 25-acres to look after, there is always something to do. I developed skin cancer 12 years ago but I think you just have to put that down as an occupational hazard.

"This was me, though. I couldn't have worked in an office all day. I wanted to be outside with nature."

He has a number of highlights during his time at Wolverhampton. But he admits the team's victory in the National Knockout back in 1999 really stands out.

Barrie added: "A real highlight was winning the National Knockout in 1999. That was great.

"We had loads of coaches from all the local cricket clubs going down to Lord's.

"We even had our local rivals Walsall getting a coach together. It was a really big thing.

"Ann and I went down with the team. We stayed overnight and had lunch at Lord's and went out on the ground. It wasn't bad for someone who doesn't like cricket!"

To prove groundskeeping is in the family blood, his son looks after the fairways at nearby South Staffs Golf Club.

And it's spending time with his family that Barrie is most looking forward to in his retirement.

Support

"My daughter Julie lives in France so I'm looking forward to being able to go over there and stay with her," he said. "My wife Ann passed away fairly recently and we had hoped to see more of the countryside together. When she died, I just lost it and knew I had to retire.

"I have got five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren, they will keep me busy. I've had a full life really so it's time to slow down."

While he will be slowing down, Barrie will still be a regular feature at Danescourt.

"I'm still going to come and support the team and barrack them," he added.

"I've got so many friends here and I know I can always come back and have a laugh.

"I'll miss the players but I'm not going to miss running out to put the covers on when it rains. I'll have a big smile on my face when I see the new groundsman doing that."

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Sport

Grounds for retirement – innings over for Barrie

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Gulf in class means more trophy woes

Newcastle 37 Burntwood 7
Staffs Intermediate Trophy semi-final

FOR the third season running, Newcastle knocked Burntwood out of this tournament.

The difference in league status showed as the hosts powered their way into the final to defend the trophy they won last year. Early pressure from Newcastle finally told after 17 minutes when the centre stretched over the line for a try which was converted.

Burntwood levelled on 26 minutes when a drive for the line saw Josh Canning touch down and Aza Dunet convert, but the hosts went ahead 10 minutes later with a converted try.

The visitors' influential skipper Sean Latham was forced off with a leg injury and then the Newcastle outside half was through to the line on the overlap after the forwards sucked in the cover defence. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. Half-time: 19-7.

Newcastle added to their score with a penalty goal on 49 minutes, and then after 66 minutes, their right winger outpaced the cover for an unconverted try.

Straight from the restart a well-timed pass put Newcastle's left winger away for another unconverted try to make it 32-7 and with six minutes left the final score came from the right winger who finished off a good handling move.

Burntwood hope to recover from their first defeat in 2018 when they resume league action on Saturday with the visit of fifth placed Harborne to The Sportsway (3pm). A fixture for the 2nds is TBA.

Scholars just Lov-att as Jake steals points in the dying seconds

Loughborough Dynamo 1 Chasetown 2

JAKE Lovatt struck in the dying seconds to hand Chasetown a dramatic Evo-Stik South victory. A quiet game sprang to life towards the end of the first half. In the 39th minute George Cater forced the first save from James Martin with a volley from around the penalty spot.

Chasetown thought they had taken the lead in the 41st minute. Danny Cocks twisted and turned inside the box and drilled past Martin only for the assistant to flag for offside. Finally the opening goal came 10 minutes into the second half. Superb work from Cater opened up the home defence and Lovatt dived in to head home the cutback.

Dynamo were reduced to 10 men when former Scholar Louis Keenan was sent off for a second yellow card. But the hosts levelled when they were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box and Daniel Gordon curled a low shot past Curtis Pond.

Chasetown were the stronger team but could not find a way through until stoppage time when Martin spilled a shot and Lovatt pounced.

Record-breaker races home with cash

SOME 336 runners converged on Rugeley for its annual 10-mile road race, with £50 up for grabs should the course record be beaten.

The challenging race, organised by Rugeley Runners, still has iconic status amongst athletes, with many Midlands clubs having several representatives. The hosts themselves had seven competing.

For many runners it has become part of their club series and for the first time the race has become part of the North Staffs Road Race Association league series, attracting quality runners from the North Midlands and Cheshire.

Athletes set off at 10am from Redbrook Hayes School by headteacher Chris Gaffiney, an accomplished triathlete who took part in 2017. Last year's winner, Birchfield Harrier Mathew Missen, along with Anthony Woodward from Notts AC set off at a breathtaking pace.

Last year's female winner Kristina Defries of Stone Master Marathoners looked smooth and in control as the snake of athletes headed out of Rugeley onto the first climb of the day of Batesway which soon spread the field.

Woodward, who went onto win, had a clear lead at the summit of Startley Lane and looked strong as he commenced the long, fast and much welcomed mile long descent to the finish at Redbrook Hayes. He stormed in with a course record of 54:14 to take the cash prize. Missen bettered his previous year's time achieving 56:07 but could not hold off Woodward. In a quality race, 2017 runner-up Daniel Soltys, of Stone Master Marathoners, bettered his time by a minute in 58:15.

Defries retained the female race in an excellent time of 1:06.05. She missed her own course record from 2017 so the £50 rolls over and doubles for next year. Chelsea Baker of the Royal Navy finished second in 1:08.26 with Michell Buckle of Newcastle AC third in 1:09.15.

Donations were made to the Blood Bikes and Redbrook Hayes as well as the local church who delayed their service for the race to come through.

The date for next year's event is Sunday, February 17.

PITMEN FALTER IN TOP 5 PUSH

Hednesford Town 0 Warrington Town 2

A GOAL in each half saw Hednesford Town condemned to a defeat that makes their pursuit of a top-five Evo-Stik Premier place that little bit harder.

After an even start, the visitors saw a good chance snuffed out when Sam Oji made a fine last-ditch challenge to deny striker Jamie McDonald. In the 16th minute Hednesford were indebted to goalkeeper James Wren when Tony Gray worked himself room in the area but he could not advance past the shot stopper.

However, this would be a temporary reprieve as the visitors took the lead 60 seconds later.

The Pitmen were again caught out and Gray was able to loop an effort over Wren and into the net. Warrington saw another chance come and go in the 22nd minute before the Pitmen forced their first effort on target six minutes later as Oji rose highest but his header was saved.

The home side ended the half on the front foot while looking for an equaliser but only had a Tom Thorley shot and a Reece King header to show for their efforts. Five minutes into the second period a glorious chance came the way of Hednesford when the ball broke for James Fitzgibbon and he strode forward before firing over.

In the 56th minute the visitors added a second goal when former Hednesford man Sean Williams worked the ball into some space on the edge of the box and his low shot went in off a post.

There were appeals for a penalty in the 82nd minute when Butlin went down before the Pitmen were reduced to 10 men a minute later as Joe Fitzpatrick was sent off for a block tackle.

The Pitmen are away to Grantham Town in the league on Saturday (3pm).

● Hednesford will be at home to the winners of Tuesday's quarter-final between Nuneaton Town and Walsall in the Birmingham FA Senior Cup.

Life-saving donation by fans

Supporters' Association chairman Scott Smith and sports therapist Eve Littler

HEDNESFORD Town fans have chipped in to make what could be a life-changing donation.

Having bought a defibrillator in 2013, the Supporters' Association has now clubbed together to buy a new battery, at a cost of £250.

The equipment is kept in the physio room, but is on hand, pitch-side, during matches.

Eve Littler, the club's sports therapist, is in charge of managing the equipment. Also a physiotherapist assistant at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, she said: "Anybody can use the defibrillator without special training.

"When you open up the box, you see diagrams and a voice activated guide talks you through its use, step-by- step."

HTFCSA chairman Scott Smith said: "Thanks to all those who contribute to and support the efforts of the Supporters' Association."

Newcomers help Cannock gain a point

Cannock M5s 0 Bridgnorth 0

HOCKEY: Cannock 5ths hosted high-fliers Bridgnorth on a bright but Arctic afternoon at Chase Park.

Cannock's defence were subjected to sustained pressure during the first half, but coped admirably, and despite frequent chances and several short corners, held firm. Half-time score 0-0.

The home side started the second half as they finished the first. Chances were created but none found their way into the Bridgnorth goal. Despite the best efforts of both sides, neither was able to break the deadlock, so the score finished as it had started, at 0-0.

This was an unexpected but well-earned point, thanks to the newcomers stepping up to the plate when the club needed them. Man of the Match went to Cameron Horn for his confident performance in the heart of the defence.

Leek 6 Cannock L2s 1

Cannock Ladies 2s faced a difficult fixture away at second-in-the-league Leek.

After 20 minutes, Leek took the lead with a short-range shot high into the net and doubled the tally five minutes later, making the half-time score 2-0.

After the break, Cannock troubled the Leek defence and gained a couple of short corners, narrowly placing shots wide. Leek combatted strongly, putting three past Cannock in the next 20 minutes, before Leek slotted one more home at the end of the game

Man of the match was shared by Emma Smith and Victoria Dennison.

Hayes scrape win in a dour struggle

Heath Hayes 1 Bolehall Swifts 0

HEATH Hayes moved up to mid-table when they came out with the three points from a dour stuggle against Tamworth-based Bolehall with a 1-0 home win. With both sides desperate for points it was never going to be a classic.

Goalmouth action was at a premium in the first half, leaving the game goalless at half-time.

A more lively second half saw both sides trying to find the elusive goal, and it came on 47 minutes when Regan Smith turned inside the box to lash the ball past Bolehall's impressive young keeper Matt Hill.

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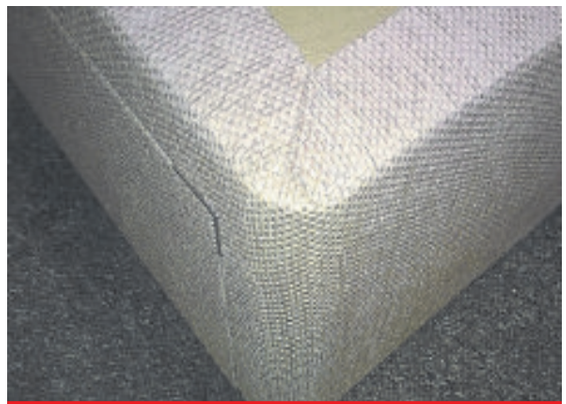

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